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U.S. Army PFC Britney Igitol, 19, and her father, 48-yearold U.S. Army SPC Ivan Igitol, inset, are among the 16 CNMI soldiers, main photo, joining the more than 600 members of the Guam National Guard bound for Camp Shelby in Mississippi and on to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in the coming weeks. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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ixteen CNMI soldiers, including a father-and-daughter tandem, a new father, and a newly married one, are among the more than 600 members of the Guam National Guard bound for Camp Shelby in Mississippi and then to Afghanistan in the coming weeks. Together, they will be part of history as

the largest group of reserve component troops to

be mobilized and deployed from the Marianas. See SOLDIERS on Page 4

# Guard hurt in foiled poker rob

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A security guard was injured during an alleged foiled robbery at a poker arcade along Airport Road in Dandan early yesterday morning.

Saipan Tribune learned from sources that the victim, a Filipino security guard of Taga Security Agency, sustained three stab wounds in the neck. He was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center and then released

Police have arrested a suspect, who was positively tagged by the poker arcade's cashier. A second suspect, the alleged lookout, remains at large. Sources said the cashier at Skyway Poker no-

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# Ex-lawmaker pleads guilty to 'ice' possession

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

REPORTER

Former representative Raymond D. Palacios pleaded guilty on Friday to possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine or "ice" as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos set Palacios' sentencing for March 19, 2013 at 9am.

Illegal possession of a controlled substance carries a maximum sentence of five years in jail, not subject to suspension, parole, or probation, and fine of \$2,000.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged the former lawmaker with two counts of trafficking of a controlled substance and two counts of illegal possession of



**Palacios** 

a controlled substance. As part of the plea bargain, the remaining charges will be dismissed.

> Palacios, 49, and his counsel, Joaquin DLG. Torres, signed the plea agreement.

> Palacios refrained from issuing a statement after the hearing at the advice of his lawyer.

Under the plea agreement, it was agreed that the OAG may "make a recommendation or agree not to oppose the defendant's request for a particular sentence with the understanding that such request shall not be binding

upon the court."

Palacios also agreed that that he understands that his sentence is a matter solely within the court's control and that he is prepared to accept any punishment that the court sees fit to impose.

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# Local

# GTC's Camacho is PSS Counselor of the Year for 2013

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Amparo "Pao" Camacho, a 31-year-old mother of three children, was hailed as the Public School System's most outstanding counselor. Camacho was bestowed the prestigious CNMI Counselor of the Year for 2013 in a surprise awarding rites Friday on campus.

Camacho, Gregorio T. Elementary School's counselor of the year awardee, vied for the overall title this school year. Prior to serving GTC in 2008, she worked at Kagman Elementary School as its counselor. This was her first time to be nominated for the overall award.

A surprised Camacho described her latest achievement as a great honor for her and her family. Camacho is the daughter of long-time educators Manuela and Juan Babauta. She is married to Christopher and they have three children: Autumn, Spencer, and Audree.

"It is a great honor for me, and I am very humbled for receiving this recognition. It is especially gratifying that I am recognized as Counselor of the Year for GTC Elementary School, as my parents...have deep ties with



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Amparo "Pao" Camacho, center, holds the plaque of recognition from Public School System officials and members of the State Board of Education during a surprise awarding on campus Friday. Camacho, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School's Counselor of the Year, bagged the overall CNMI Counselor of the Year Award for 2013. Also in photo are members of her family.

this elementary school. I believe the whole GTC Binadu family (faculty, staff, parents, and students) deserves to share in this award as I believe I could not have accomplished this without them." she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Camacho dreamed of becoming a child/adolescent psychologist. While pursuing a degree in psychology, she completed courses in child and adolescent

psychology. At that time, she realized that she wanted to work with children. "Counseling is definitely one of the areas that I've wanted to work in, not only to provide the guidance to students, but to learn from them as well. It is such a rewarding job," she shared.

Camacho completed her bachelor's degree in Psychology with a Certificate in Clinical Mental Health Care from the University of Maryland in 2008. She became a school counselor for the PSS and is currently on her fifth year of counseling

"Each year students and families experience various difficulties that affect the educational experience. Therefore, the school is like a family to them. The family that helps instills qualities of character and skills to help these students succeed and thrive in life, the family that devotes themselves to providing infinite support and encouragement when needed. Within this family, there is a counselor, a helper...a friend...that's me," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Prior to her work at PSS, Camacho was a social worker for the Division of Youth Services. For two years, she worked as an assistant coordinator for the par-

ent education program and then in the investigation section of the Child Protection Unit. Camacho worked with children 0-18 years old and numerous parents.

Her message to students? "Always dream, always believe in yourself, and you can achieve anything."

Camacho was described by her peers as "dependable, reliable, responsible, and a leader."



# Finance pays nearly \$1M for judicial building loan

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After the NMI Retirement Fund alerted the Department of Finance last week to the agency's intention to foreclose the judicial building due to unmet obligations, the government was able to scrape enough money to pay a por-

tion of the outstanding arrears. Acting Fund administrator Lillian M. Pangelinan disclosed this to the Legislature on Friday following the submission of documents related to the judicial building loan.

Pangelinan, in a letter to Sen. Ray Y. Yumul (IR-Saipan) and Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan), disclosed that the Fund received last week a payment of about \$970,000 from Finance. Despite this payment, the loan remains delinquent by more than \$1.6 million, she added.

Under the terms of the loan and mortgage, the CNMI government—through Finance—is required to remit to the Fund money collected by the Judicia-

ry and make up any difference between the Judiciary's collection and the monthly payment.

Fund documents indicate that Finance failed to remit any payments for the judicial building loan from June 2012 to January 2013.

"Last week, after the Fund alerted both the Judiciary and the administration of its intent to seek foreclosure on the mortgage, the Department of Finance sent a payment of approximately \$970,000. Although this recent payment decreases the amount of arrears, the loan remains delinquent by more than \$1.6 million," said Pangelinan in her letter to Yumul and Taitano dated Feb. 1.

The Judiciary earlier stated that it has transmitted all court collections to Finance and any additional obligations for the loan has to be paid out of the general fund. The Judiciary statement added that it is not a party to the loan agreement because parties involved are Fi-

nance and the Retirement Fund. The Judicial Building Financ-

### ing Act of 1994 allowed the CNMI government to secure a \$13.8 million loan from the NMI Retirement Fund in order to build the Guma Hustisia in Susupe. The primary source of repayment would come from revenues generated by the Judiciary. The loan has a maturity date of Aug. 14, 2015.

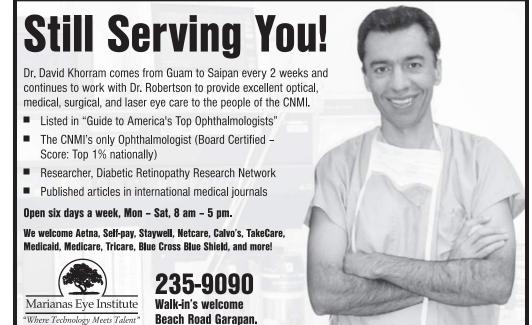
The judicial building loan is one of the Fund's four local investments and has been cited as one of the investments that are at risk for some years. Besides the delinquent monthly payment, the Fund earlier revealed that the reserve account for the loan has already been exhausted.

Saipan Tribune learned that the loan agreement required the maintenance of a three-month reserve account under the custody of the Finance secretary.

The CNMI government is required to pay \$118,000 monthly for the loan.













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# Man allegedly aims gun at cousins

Police arrested last week a man who allegedly aimed a gun at his two cousins for cleaning the premises of a property in Gualo Rai.

Sergio M. Rangamar, 36, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace.

Police recovered at the scene a .9mm semiautomatic pistol with a.9mm live round in the chamber, another live round in the magazine, seven .9mm full metal jacket live rounds, and five .9mm hallow point live rounds.

At a hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$50,000 cash bail on Rangamar and remanded him to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Police detective Peter A. Aldan stated that the incident happened on Thursday between 4pm to 5pm at the Rangamar family compound.

Aldan said preliminary investigation showed that June Alfred Nekaifes and his first cousin Jacob Fitipol Nekaifes were cleaning an area of the compound when Jacob Nekaifes allegedly saw Rangamar standing at the door of a vacant house and pointing a handgun at them.

Jacob Nekaifes shouted at Rangamar to go ahead and shoot. Rangamar shouted back, telling them to stop cleaning the area because it does not belong to them. Rangamar also allegedly shouted profanities.

Jacob and June Nekaifes then went home and reported the matter to the police. Two responding police officers arrived and asked Rangamar's consent to search the vacant house where he was allegedly seen standing and aiming the gun.

One officer found the gun and the ammunition inside the vacant house. Rangamar was then arrested.

Aldan said that, according to Rangamar, he physically assaulted Jacob Nekaifes' father in the past and that he and the Nekaifes family have been feuding. (Ferdie de la Torre)

# Romero murder marks 1 year

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Tomorrow marks the first year of the murder of bartender Emerita Relata Romero, which remains unsolved.

A Mass will be held on Tuesday at 11am at

Mt. Carmel Chapel for Romero's death anniversary.

Lhet Relata, sister of Romero, said yesterday that relatives, co-workers, and friends will be attending the Mass. Relata said everyone is welcome to join them.

Although it's already one year since her sister's murder, she said they still continue to pray that they will obtain justice for her.

Romero was last seen alive boarding a car around 3am on Feb. 5, 2012, near her residence in Garapan. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents found her body two days later in the north-

ernmost building of >> Death anniversary Mass tomorrow

the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque. Attorney General

Joey P. San Nicolas recently disclosed that the investigation into the murder of Romero is a priority at the Office of the Attorney General.

"A disposition on the Romero case is forthcoming," said San Nicolas. He did not elaborate.



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# TO EXPEDITE REFUNDS, RESET TIMELINE

# Admin mulls changes to Fund contribution withdrawal law

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the administration is sponsoring a bill that will amend a five-month-old law allowing NMI Retirement Fund members to

# 'Reprogram unspent CIP money to CHC'

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) prefiled a joint resolution urging Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the U.S. Department of the Interior to identify and reprogram unspent capital improvement project funds for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014 and prior years to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

In his Senate Joint Resolution 18-1, Torres said unexpended CIP money should instead be used to replace, augment, and improve CHC's facilities, including the need to buy new beds.

"CHC is in dire need to identify \$600,000 to purchase brand new beds for all the rooms in the ICU [Intensive Care Unit], pediatric ward, regular rooms, emergency ward, etc.," he said.

The resolution is expected to be adopted in the Senate's next session on Tinian.

Torres also pre-filed Senate Bill 18-7, mandating the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to change the water

withdraw their contributions to be able to expedite the release of money and reset lapsed timelines, even as lawmakers on Friday met once again with the pension agency's officials for an update on the suspended implementation of Public Law 17-82.

# and sewage rate for the Public School System from government rate to

commercial rate to help reduce PSS' financial burdens. Torres said PSS pays CUC a water

rate of 4.4 cents a gallon and 6.8 cents a gallon for sewage. By changing these to commercial rates, PSS will be paying less. In 2012 alone, PSS paid more than \$1.476 million for these services.

Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) also pre-filed a bill reviving a public lands board.

His SB 18-8 creates a Commonwealth Public Lands Corp. within the Executive Branch. It also transfers the obligations and responsibilities of the Department of Public Lands to this corporation.

"...The management of public lands by the Executive Branch in the past six years has skewed away from addressing a CNMI-wide approach to prudent land management practices," the bill says. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

Inos, who oversees government finances, said the administrationsponsored bill "will allow for the payment of refunds on amounts not disputed" amid Fund statements that it cannot proceed with the refunds because of incomplete records and disputed numbers.

"Any amount that's disputed will be deferred and will be reconciled and acted on, paid to the employee at a later date upon completion of the reconciliation," Inos told Saipan Tribune Friday.

The lapsed timelines in PL 17-82 will also be amended.

"For example, the 90th day should have been December. What we're doing here is starting the clock. First 30 days will be the first day of the first 30-day period in which to make the refund up to 50 percent, the effective date of the bill when it became law. The balance will be 120 days thereafter," Inos said.

same time, said Fund trustee ad litem Joseph Razzano and other officials met with some lawmakers over growing concerns about the continued suspension of the disbursement of checks, but the suspension continues.

applied for refunds with the Fund and after issuing 93 refund checks, the Fund suspended the disbursement, citing the delinquent contributions of both the employee and employer contributions of the government and its autonomous agencies.

PL 17-82 allows to Fund members to withdraw their contributions without being penalized, continue working and transition into the U.S. Social Security system, remain with the Fund in hopes that the beleaguered pension program will shape up, or roll over their defined benefit plan contributions to a defined contribution plan, among other things.

# PH consulate: Delays in release of ePassports

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam is advising Filipinos in the Commonwealth that there will be delays in the release of electronic passports, or ePassports, due to a machine breakdown in Manila.

Applicants who filed their passport

applications are advised to call the Philippine Consulate General to make sure that their passport is ready for release prior to visiting the consulate. Contact the consulate at telephone numbers 1-671-646-4620/30 or visit its website at www.philippinesguam.org. (PR)

Sen. Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan), at the

After some 1,700 members have

side. Once outside, the two struggled. The suspect then ran away. Another male person allegedly acted as a lookout outside the establishment.

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**GUARD** 

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tablishment. The cashier immediately

alerted the security guard about the

suspicious man, who went to the water

The guard approached and asked the

suspect what was in his waistline. The

suspect replied that he was not carrying

As the guard was on his way outside,

the suspect, who waited for him near the

door, suddenly attacked him with a knife.

the suspect would overwhelm him in-

The guard ran outside, fearing that

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Palacios is out on bail after posting \$3,000 cash and \$27,000 in unsecured bond. Police arrested the lawmaker in October 2011.

According to police reports, members of the Drug Enforcement Task Force and Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau used a confidential source to buy a total of \$200 worth of "ice" from Palacios in two transactions on Oct. 19, 2011.

# **SOLDIERS**

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They will be deploying with the 1-294th Infantry Regiment and F Company, 29th Brigade Support Battalion of the Guam Army National Guard.

"The 16 soldiers that you see here today are among the finest that exist in the United States Army. They are your sons, they are your daughters, they are your community members," said U.S. Army Maj. Joseph I. Cruz, executive officer of 1-294th Infantry Regiment, during a sendoff ceremony for the 16 deploying soldiers at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan on Friday morning.

U.S. Army SPC Ivan Igitol, 48, and his daughter PFC Britney Igitol, 19. may well be the first father-anddaughter team to be deployed together in CNMI history and their family and friends are strongly standing behind

"It's good to know I have my dad with me," said the daughter, who attended Kagman High School. While deployed together, they belong to separate companies.

Marie Igitol, wife and mother of the two CNMI soldiers, said her faith and prayers are helping her get through it all. The Igitol couple has five children, including the oldest, who is with the Department of Public Safety.

"The only thing I can do is put my head up high and be strong. I have to be strong for my children especially. And while they're gone I have to do what needs to be done here, until their safe return," Igitol told Saipan Tribune at the solemn ceremony. She and her husband have been married for 17 years but they have been together for 26 years.

# **Call of duty**

Nineteen-year-old U.S. Army SPC Christopher Del Rosario, a guest service officer at Hyatt Regency Saipan, said he is excited to answer the call of duty but at the same time anxious to leave his young family behind.

He and his wife Svetlana have only been married for about a year. They have a 1-and-a-half-year-old son.

"It was actually my wife that inspired me to join the Army. She was supposed to go in the Army while I wanted to go to college. We found out she was pregnant that's why I decided to be the one to go in and step up as a father, I'm doing this for my son and wife and to serve my country," Del Rosario said.

He said he will complete his degree in criminal justice and go to officer candidate school afterwards.

U.S. Army 1LT Joey Togawa, an executive officer for C Company, is no stranger to deployment but this will be his first to Afghanistan.

"I know it will be tough with my family being gone but as I have my wife's full support, I will be good. I will be okay," he said.

He and his wife Colleen have been married for three years. They have one child, 10-month-old Gabriella.

"I am going to miss my husband of course but I can't wait to see him when he comes back," his wife said.

Togawa always has a sense of pride of where he comes from—the CNMI and Guam. "It's something I'm going to fight for and defend," he said. Besides his family and friends, Togawa said he would miss Chamorro food.

Besides Togawa, Del Rosario and the two Igitols, the other CNMI sons and daughters deploying are SPC Dan Angelo Bicera, SPC Josh Ejercito, SPC Ken Mojica, SPC Delorina Rabauliman, SPC Tiffany Santos, SPC Rita Taitano, PFC Hainy Borja, SPC Andrew Delos Reyes, PFC Nathaniel Mateo, PFC Andrew Reyes, PFC John Umbay and PV2 Elbert Espayos.

Mojica and Borja are from Tinian, while the rest are from Saipan.

Ejercito, the oldest of four children

at 20, said he was inspired to join the Guam Army National Guard when officers visited Saipan Southern High School in late 2009. He said he looks forward to serving the nation.

He also said one of the recent military movies that inspired him was Act

"It's very inspirational...gave me good hope and gave me courage to go on," he added.

His father, Joey Ejercito, said he's worried and scared that his son is going to be deployed in Afghanistan but he trusts that everything will be alright and that the Guam Army National Guard will take care of him.

"I'm very proud of him," the father, a long-term foreign worker from the Philippines, said.

# 'Proud tradition'

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, in his remarks at the ceremony, said the CNMI enjoy a proud tradition of U.S. military service.

"We have many veterans for such a small island community and we are proud of the service of our military veterans," he said.

He said the deploying CNMI sons and daughters know that they are "respected in this community."

"You are all important and highly valued in our community, and you will be missed. We will be waiting for you when you get back. You may always rest assured that you will always have the strong support of our CNMI community. You can see that from the support of everyone here," the governor

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), for his part, said the CNMI soldiers are deploying at a critical time.

"President Obama, your commander-in-chief, has announced that most U.S. combat operations in Afghanistan will transition into a support role, perhaps as early as this spring. It is time for America to reduce our involvement in this longest war in our nation's histo-

ry. Do not be mistaken, however. Even as this transition occurs, you will still be in a war zone. Your enemies will make no distinction between your role on the frontline or as support. Remain vigilant. Return home safely. We shall be waiting," he said.

Sablan was a member of a congressional delegation to Afghanistan in 2009 and he met troops from the CNMI during that visit to assess the situation. He said if and when he is able, he will visit the deploying troops in the theater.

"If it can be arranged, I owe you that," he added.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, other government officials, families, friends and employers were also present.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Guam-CNMI Committee state chair David Sablan led the presentation of "My Boss is a Patriot Award" to emplovers of soldiers deploying, for their 'outstanding support and patronage."

They included IT&E's Fedora Camacho, Joeten Superstore's James Sablan, Hyatt Regency Saipan's Robin Eugenio, Pacific Islands Club's Steve Balakrishna, Rome Research Corp.'s Eddie Williams, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Rene Mascalino, Delta Management Corp.'s James Arenovski, and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta.

The battalion is set to depart Guam for Camp Shelby, Mississipi, their mobilization training site in early March. They will train there for about two months before proceeding to Afghanistan to conduct their mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

# 'How you can help'

Guam National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Benny Paulino, said there are many ways the community can help the deploying soldiers and their families.

He said he plans to meet with the family members frequently throughout the deployment period, so he would need an appropriate facility for this gathering.

Paulino said the soldiers and their families will have an opportunity to communicate at the very least through email, Skype, or social media, which requires the use of computers.

"So the families may need access to computers, Internet, and Wi-Fi connections so they can keep in touch with their loved ones. This is something that the public and private sector here in the Commonwealth can offer and support our deploying soldiers," he said.

He said the care packages from the islands will also serve as "treats and an oasis to the harsh environment they will be operating under."

One of the biggest issues confronting returning soldiers is unemployment when they return from their tour of duty, which is a nationwide concern.

"In fact, soldiers returning from deployment have a much higher unemployment rate as compared to the rest of the nation. So next year, around the March timeframe, when these soldiers return they would need your help to find meaningful employment. Know that these soldiers who will return as veterans are a disciplined, physically fit, drug-free, and trainable workforce with a conscientious work ethic. They are dependable, reliable..." he said.

Just like the rest of the speakers that day, Paulino said "at the very least, please remember our soldiers and their families in your daily prayers."

The delegate, for his part, told the soldiers: "Write your proud chapter in the military history of our nation and the Northern Mariana Islands. We recognize the tough road that lies ahead for each of you, your families, and your loved ones. We pray that God will keep you safe and return you home to loving arms, when your work is done."

# Consultant named for Rota East Harbor feasibility study

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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An engineering company has been selected to conduct the Rota East Harbor feasibility study, which will determine if it is viable to develop another harbor on the island.

Press secretary Angel A. Demapan disclosed to Saipan Tribune that Moffats & Nichol, a company that specializes in marine engineering, bagged the feasibility study that must be completed within 180 days.

The total cost of the study is \$205,063 and is funded by the Capital Improvement Project office.

Demapan said the Commonwealth Port Authority was earlier asked to be part of the evaluation team, but it declined.

"However to ensure that they are an active part of this analysis, they were identified as an important stakeholder so

as to provide input and review. Any proposed development must be coordinated with the statutory authority of the CPA," said Demapan.

Due to ongoing challenges in shipping commodities and other supplies to Rota, its elected officials have tossed around the idea of developing the island's east harbor to accommodate bigger vessels. The existing West Harbor channel is limited and cannot accommodate sea vessels longer than 235 feet.

Saipan Tribune learned that the request for qualifications for the Rota East Harbor Feasibility Study was issued in 2012. The main objective of the project is to examine the feasibility of developing the West Harbor in order to address current and long-term shipping needs of the community.

According to Demapan, the consultant is required to examine all prior studies so as to build on work previously conducted. Any proposed plan should project the shipping needs of the community for a 20-year period (2013-2034). Also a critical Delegation, CPA, U.S. Army

component of the analysis is obtaining the consensus of stakeholders, including the mayor of Rota, the Rota Legislative

Corps of Engineers, Coastal Resources Management Office, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and commercial and

The study will also require two public meetings to describe the proposed plan study and presentation of findings.

# Healthcare corp. to issue newsletter; website upgrade ongoing

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

A regular publication that will highlight important updates at the Commonwealth Health Center will soon be circulated to the public after the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. approved the creation of a monthly newsletter starting this week.

Corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta told Saipan Tribune that 3,000 copies are being printed for the maiden issue.

The newsletter, he said, will provide detailed information about the hospital, Division of Public Health programs, and other initiatives of the organization.

Babauta said the hospital's first issue will be packed with statistics, data, and records that have never been provided to the public before. The newsletter will also be featured in the corporation's website, which is undergoing construction and upgrade.

According to Babauta, launching both the newsletter and website is key to maintaining the corporation's transparency. Both media, he said, will be a good source of information about the hospital and related health programs and projects.

Babauta recently appointed Amber Lynn Mendiola to chair the committee that will handle the newsletter. The committee had its first meeting on Jan. 11 to identify members who will collaborate on the project. These included Bureau of En-

vironmental Health director John Tagabuel, who will manage follow-ups, logistics assistance, and advise the committee; Emergency Preparedness director Warren Villagomez, who will manage the procurement of equipment; and Public Health director Roxanne Diaz, who will handle the news updates from the public health side. She will also sit as an adviser of the committee. Other individuals from key units of the corporation will also help.

# 4 causes of action vs cop, ex-cop junked

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

REPORTER

The federal court has dismissed four causes of action against a police officer and a former police officer in connection with a police brutality lawsuit filed by a motorist who is reportedly now paralyzed from the neck down.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed Alejandro L. Norita's first and second causes of action—assault and battery and emotional distress—against police officer Jerome Reyes and former police officer Regino Celis.

Manglona acknowledged the CNMI government's notice of substituting itself for Reyes and Celis and ordered that the government is substituted for the two on the first and second causes of action.

The judge also dismissed in its entirety Norita's fourth cause of action—violation of civil rights—against Reyes and Celis.

Norita's sixth cause of action-negligence-was dismissed as to Reyes and Celis only. The CNMI government and unnamed defendants were also sued under this cause of action.

Manglona dismissed the fifth cause of action—violation of civil rights under the Commonwealth Constitution—and the sixth cause of action—negligence—against the CNMI government.

The CNMI government moved to dismiss the fifth and sixth causes of action with respect to the government for failure to state a claim. Norita conceded that dismissal is proper.

This means that the only remaining defendants in the fifth and sixth causes of action are the unnamed defendants. The judge, however,

granted Norita's request to allow him to amend these two causes of action.

Manglona did not dismiss the plaintiff's third cause of action: claims for violating his civil rights under the U.S. Constitution against Reyes and Celis.

In their motion to dismiss, Reyes and Celis argued that the civil rights claim under the U.S. Constitution should be dismissed because they have qualified immunity.

Manglona said taking the complaint as true and construing it in the light most favorable to Norita, the complaint demonstrates a plausible claim that Reyes and Celis do not have qualified immunity.

"Accordingly, dismissal is not proper," said the judge, referring to third cause of action—claims for violating Norita's civil rights under the U.S. Constitution.

Norita, though counsel David G. Banes, filed the lawsuit in June 2012, seeking at least \$100,000 in damages.

According to the complaint, on June 1, 2010 between 8pm to 9pm, Norita was driving a 1993 Toyota Corolla by the Northern Marianas College in As Terlaje when a police car suddenly pursued him. Banes said that Norita did not stop at that location because it was dark there.

Banes said Norita wanted to stop at his residence in San Jose so he continually signaled the police officer to follow him by pointing forward.

Reyes and Celis allegedly used excessive force in arresting Norita after his car crashed on the fence of Oleai Elementary School.

The Office of the Attorney General stated that it is clear from the facts alleged and from the police report that Reyes and Celis not only had probable cause to arrest Norita but were authorized to remove him from



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# Convicted rapist gets another 6 months for peeping

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A convicted rapist who is currently serving a 45-year prison sentence was slapped with another six months in prison for peeping into a bathroom where a hotel staff was showering.

Anthony Peter Rios was convicted of disturbing the peace and was sentenced last week to the maximum of six months in prison, to run concurrently with

In response to the call of Presi-

dent Barack Obama for com-

prehensive immigration reform,

the U.S. Pinoys for Good Gov-

ernance Marianas Chapter will

be hosting a live three-hour

immigration forum on Feb.

17, 2013, Sunday, from 3pm to 6pm, at the Pedro P. Tenorio

Lewis, national chairperson of

the U.S. Pinoys for Good Gov-

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mer attorney general of the then

Immigration and Naturalization

Services, now USCIS, will be

the guest speaker. Lewis will

be discussing current and lat-

est information updates about

comprehensive immigration re-

form that will affect the CNMI's

long-term workers. There will

be an open forum during this

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Attorney Loida

his 45-year sentence in previous three cases. That means Rios will serve the six months within the 45 years of his sentence.

A staff of Saipan World Resort testified during Wednesday's bench trial that she became terrified when she saw Rios watching her showering in the hotel's bathroom on Oct. 28, 2011.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found the government's wit-

first-come, first-served basis.

Tickets will be available on Feb.

5 at the following outlets: Cargo

Express and KWAW Radiocom

at the Marianas Business Plaza.

The authorized sellers of the

tickets are Dr. Celia B. Lamkin, Gerry Malit, Rosendo Maceda,

Liberty Sayson, Nomer Arcan-

gel, RV Caberos, and Fanny

dela Rosa. Money collected

will be used for the prizes of

the winners of the essay contest on the West Philippine Sea

launched by the USP4GG Mari-

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Immigration forum to feature Nicolas Lewis

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nesses credible and found Rios guilty of disturbing the peace.

Assistant attorney general Jacinta M. Kaipat prosecuted the case. Court-appointed defense counsel Joaquin Torres did not call any witnesses to the stand. Kaipat recommended a sentence of six months, while Torres recommended five days.

Camacho revoked Rios' probation in September and slapped him with a 45-year prison sentence after determining that the 38-year-old Rios violated the conditions of his probation.

In 1997, Rios pleaded guilty to repeatedly raping and molesting three minors. The record reflects multiple occasions of molestations and forcible rape of the victims over a five-year period. After serving just five years, Rios was freed in 2003. Five months after being released, Rios was again arrested for sexual crimes.



Attorney Loida Nicolas Lewis, left, national chairperson of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance, and Dr. Celia B.Lamkin, chairperson of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter.

persons are authorized by U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance to sell admission tickets for the immigration forum. The tickets bear control numbers and the official original signature of the organizer," said Lamkin.

The U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance is a 501 (c)(3)

nonprofit organization based in New York. It is headed by Nicolas Lewis, national president Rodel Rodis, and spokesperson/ legal counsel Ted Laguatan.

For more information, call Lamkin at 288-1714 or email her at celia.lamkin@yahoo. com. **(PR)** 

Camacho said three years public restroom designated only after being released, Rios was again arrested on two new incidents: one involving entering a dling her while she was asleep.

for women and entering into a bedroom of a woman and fon-

# Porn images shown during Weindl's trial

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com

The prosecution on Friday showed in court several pornographic images of females, including those who looked like minors, in the jury trial of former school principal Thom-

Assistant U.S. attorney Rami S. Badawy presented the images during the testimony of Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Edmund H. Ewing, the agent assigned to Weindl's case.

When Badawy showed several pornographic images, Ewing identified them as the pictures he took from the images in the websites that were reported by the e-blaster reports.

Ewing also identified other documents as the websites or Google searches on child pornography that Weindl allegedly visited, as indicated in the eblaster reports.

Defense attorney David Banes objected to showing the images in open court, saying there should be someone to authenticate the photos.

Banes said someone has to testify, among other things, how the pictures or images in the websites looked that same day.

The jury trial will continue this morning, Monday, with Ewing still expected to be on the witness stand.

The U.S. government earlier on Friday called FBI special agent Joe Auther as the prosecution's first witness.

Auther was the one who discovered that the 68-year-old Weindl was allegedly searching and accessing almost 200 websites containing images of child pornography.

The Public School Systemissued netbook was issued to Auther's son. Auther and his family were then transferring to the U.S. mainland so he returned last year the netbook to Weindl, who was then a school principal.

Auther testified that he installed an e-blaster application on the netbook in 2011 in an effort to monitor his son's Internet use.

E-blaster is a commercially available computer and Internet monitoring software program.

Soon after Auther turned over the netbook to Weindl, he began receiving "e-blaster reports indicating that his son's netbook was accessing child pornographic materials on the Internet from June 15 to June 18, 2012.

Weindl is on trial for one count of receipt of child pornography and one count of access with intent to view child pornography that occurred on June 18, 2012.







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# **CNMI** Water Task Force ITB13-GOV- 062



Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting Sealed Bids from qualified individuals or firms for the procurement of the supply and delivery of various materials for use in the optimization of the water wellheads on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bidders must bid on all items. A contract will be awarded to one supplier for all bid items

The procurement specifications and special terms and conditions will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan on or after January

Any questions regarding this Invitation for Bids should be addressed to Mr. Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, CNMI Water Task Force at (670) 664-2285, or via facsimile at (670) 664-2279 before January 18, 2013.

Sealed Bids must be marked "Supply of Wellhead Materials", ITB13-GOV-062 For bidders within the CNMI, an original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, February 5, 2013. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days of receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 p.m., local time. February 5, 2013 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official governent postal service no later than February 5, 2013 AND must be received by Procure and Supply no later than February 14, 2013.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at 3:00 p.m., local time, February 15, 2013. However, if no notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 3:00 p.m., local time, February 5, 2013.

Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs. Award of a contract is contingent upon approval from DOI/OIA.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive any imperfection in a proposal in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All Proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

> /s/ Benigno R. Fitial Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan Director, Procurement & Supply

# BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

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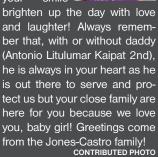
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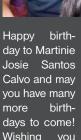


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you are. We Mom, Dad, Craig, brothers, sisters, and

сонтвитер рното your goddaughter Kimani.

Happy birthgreetings go out to Roxanne R. Ben, who



day, Feb. 4, 2013! May all your dreams come true this day, may you get everything you dream or say, this is our only prayer, wish you a very happy 9th birthday! Greetings come from Tatay, Nanay, Kuya Royce, and Ate Rane.

# Delegates ask that probe report on Babauta be on 'positive note'

Babauta

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee\_eugenio@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo, CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, and U.S. Virgin Islands Delegate Donna M. Christensen have expressed hope that the conclusion of the investigation into former deputy assistant secretary for insular affairs Anthony "Tony" M. Babauta "be on a positive note, recognizing his contributions."

The three delegates wrote the letter to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on Jan. 25, a day after Babauta handed in his resignation letter to President Barack Obama.

Babauta's resignation is effective Feb. 1, 2013.

"We and others very much

but, if he concludes that it is unand a still unspecified grant

tenable and he should move on, his decision should be implemented in a mutually satisfactory, considerate, and beneficial manner and only appreciative comments should be made," Bordallo, Sablan, and Christensen told Salazar in their

two-page letter. Babauta himself told Salazar in his Jan. 24 letter that he believes his work "improved the Office of Insular Affairs."

Babauta, a native of Guam, resigned some two months after being placed on administrative leave in November when federal investigators

want him to continue in office started reviewing his travel

that his office awarded. His letters didn't cite a specific reason for his resignation.

OIA Director Nik Pula, in an interview Wednesday last week, said it may take awhile before a permanent replace-

ment for Babauta is named. He said Eileen Sobeck will fill the post left by Babauta in

an acting capacity. "I'm personally happy for assistant secretary Babauta. I know he knows what's best for him in terms of his decisions. It was a joy for me to serve with him in the last four

years and I know he has re-

is concerned, we have to wait and see what the department does with his position," Pula told Saipan Tribune. Pula and Sobeck were on island along with U.S. Depart-

signed and as far as our office

ment of Health and Human Services officials, mainly to check on issues related to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. They also attended Sablan's ceremonial swearing in on Wednesday.

Babauta was among the highest ranking native Pacific Islander serving in the U.S. government. His office has oversight over U.S. insular areas such as the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

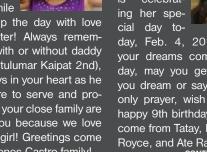




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# **EETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the MVA Conference Room San José Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

# **MEETING AGENDA**

## **Preliminary Matters**

- Call to Order Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Ainutes October 22, 2012

## **Public Comments**

### 3) **Committee Reports**

- Finance Personnel
- **Old Business** Personnel Rules & Regulations

# **New Business**

- FY 2014 Budget Call
- Transfer of funds for Happy Children in Paradise Campaign **Email Poll Ratifications:**
- MITT Moscow 2013
  - **Printing of Customs Forms**

## Miscellaneous/Announcements

- **Executive Session**
- **Adjournment**
- Marian Aldan-Pierce Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

# Church thanks Tan Holdings, supporters

By ROSE SMITH

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation thanks Tan Holding for its recent generous donation of food, household items, and personal items to help those in need in the Saipan community. The foundation also expresses its appreciation for the past monetary donation the corporation contributed toward the Kenya hunger-drive project.

"We are touched by the generosity of those who have donated toward to our garage sale/ Flea Market fundraiser and to those who are continuing to support us. Thank you, also, to our supporters who shop-forless at our store. We are glad to offer this service to help when times are hard.

"If you have items to donate, we would be very happy to receive them. We are located at the ABA Building on middle road, across from Bali Fashion, next to Monica Furniture



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Rose Smith of the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, foreground, receives food donation from Tan Holdings affiliate D&Q. Photo below shows Tan Holding Foundation manager Ed Arriola Jr. presenting a check donation to Smith.



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Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2013

/s/ Clerk of Court

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ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 31, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 034 L 129, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS Check No. 034 L 21 recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 97-129; and Lot 034 L 130, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS Check No. 34 L 21, recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 07, 1100

<u>Date, Time, and Place of Sale.</u> The sale will be held on Friday, March 1, 2013, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

<u>Terms and Conditions of Sale.</u> The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 23rd day of January, 2013:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANKPACIFIC, LTD.,
Plaintiff,
-vSEVIO T. CHARGUALAF, JR.,
and THERESA L.C. CHARGUALAF,
Defendants.
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SUMMONS

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter a January 4, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 370, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 09 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1906, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, February 8, 2013, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE. Auctione

store. We accept clothing, shoes, household items, toys, etc. that are in good condition. Also, we take monetary donations. Your checks can be written to Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation P.O Box 10003 PMB 4 Saipan, MP 96950.

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Empty Vessel is 501 (c) (3) and all the donations we receive is tax deductible. Visit the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation on its Facebook page, at its website www.emptyvesselministry.org or call its office at 235-2340 or 483-0162.

# Air Force, Navy training on FDM, Warning Area 517

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Feb. 4-6, from 3pm to 4pm, and on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Feb. 4-8, from 8am to 7pm. The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Feb. 6, from 11am to 2pm.

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank.



Feb. 4, 1999

### McPhetres questions NMC budget cut

The House committee on Health, Education and Welfare yesterday resumed its oversight hearing on the financially-troubled Northern Marianas College, investigating into management and personnel policies as well as its autonomous functions as mandated under the laws. The panel, chaired by Rep. Heinz Hofschneider, noted inconsistencies in the college policies as it asked NMC officials to hand over several documents, including salary structure of employees and an opinion from its former legal counsel clarifying its status as autonomous government agency. Among these included spending authority on donations to the college, conversion of "short-term" employees to full time without advertising the position, a multi-scale pay plan and disbursement of revenues from tuition and fees.

### DPH proposes to ban sale of foreign drugs

The Department of Public Health and the local Medical Profession Licensing Board have proposed to ban the importation and sale of foreign pharmaceuticals in the Northern Marianas amid potential health threats to the community that may consequently jeopardize the agency's dwindling resources. In a news conference yesterday, Villagomez told reporters the proposed new regulation has already been published in the Commonwealth Registry. They are just awaiting public comments before it becomes fully implemented. "Sales of foreign drugs in the CNMI will no longer be allowed.

Feb. 4, 2000

## Senate scraps \$100K security deposit

Consistent with their new commitment to help revitalize the local economy, the Senate yesterday set in motion the plan to ease the \$100,000 security deposit imposed on foreign investments—a requirement that business leaders insist scare away potential investors. In their first regular session under the 12th Legislature held on Tinian, senators voted unanimously to amend provisions of Foreign Investment Act to provide leeway to investors in meeting such requirement, other than a cash deposit. Yesterday's approval of the proposal followed a two-year effort by the legislative branch to scrap the cash requirement. Although passed by the 11th House of Representatives, the initial bill died down in the Senate due to lack of support.

# House set to begin budget deliberation

The House Ways and Means Committee is expected to hand in a budget package for Fiscal 2000 when the lower house begins its regular session on Feb. 14 for its immediate approval, according to its chairman. Rep. Antonio M. Camacho said that while there will be some changes in the proposal submitted by the administration, the bill will have to stay within its \$207 million spending level. He stressed that priority programs, such as the scholarship, medical referral and the public safety, will receive additional funding once the committee has trimmed appropriations from other agencies and streamlined government operations. "We are leaning towards increasing their budget but we have to identify some operations that are idle before we can act on their requests," Mr. Camacho told in an interview.

Feb. 4, 2002

## **Torres backs Northern Islands development plan**

Rep. William S. Torres urged both local and federal agencies to financially help the Northern Islands government carry out a development project, which is envisioned to pave the way for the area's economic and social growth. In a proposal submitted to the 13th House of Representatives, Torres said the Northern Islands should be allowed to borrow funds from the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund, the Commonwealth Development Authority, or the US Rural Development Program for the procurement of reliable high-speed ocean-going vessels for transportation. Under the proposal, the legislator also underscored the need for the immediate construction of a seaplane ramp, an airport runway, harbor facilities, and government buildings.

## LPG firm withdraws Tinian expansion plan

The Commonwealth Ports Authority will start negotiations with the Saipan Industrial Gas Inc. for a possible expansion to Tinian, after another Saipan-based company relinquished its original plan. Carlos H. Salas, CPA executive director, said the proposal to build a gas plant on Tinian is in line with the projected demand on the island. Salas said negotiations between Saipan Gas and the CPA will begin as soon as some details are worked out.

# Saipan to host Micronesian youth network conference

The Micronesian Youth Services Network's 2013 Conference will be hosted by the CNMI on April 17-19, 2013.

The steering committee would like to host the conference at the Fiesta Resort & Spa on Saipan if the committee is able to raise the funds.

The network is a non-profit, non-government regional organization whose mission is to support, collaborate, coordinate, promote, and strengthen youth programs and services throughout Micronesia.

Saipan also hosted the MYSN Conference in 2006 and 2009. The MYSN conferences rotate throughout the Micronesian region. The last MYSN conference was held in Palau.

Each year MYSN selects the Top 10 Youth Supporters from the region. Candidates for this award must be supporters in Guam, CNMI, FSM, Palau, and Marshall Islands. Candidates should have volunteered at least 40 hours in the past 12 months in a key leadership position, donated at least \$5,000 in cash, or caused to have a major policy or regulation be implemented to support youth services.

The following are the past Top 10 Youth Supporters from the CNMI: James Brewer, Linala Malauwasch (2005); Yasuo Miyazawa, Pacific Development Inc., Laolao Bay Golf Course, Dr. Rita Hocog-Inos (2006); Basketball Association of the NMI, Elias Rangamar, Marian Aldan-Pierce (DFS), Bank of Hawaii Foundation (2007); Rep. Ray Tebuteb, Jackie A. Quitugua, George Cruz of Marianas Health Services (2008); Jerry Tan of Tan Holdings, CNMI Little League (2009); Anthony Pelligrino (2010); Juvenile Justice Task Force (2011)' and Juan "Santiago" Tenorio of



J.E.T. Holding Co. (2012).

Aside from honoring the Top 10 Youth Supporters, the hosting entity is tasked to showcase a couple of its best practices. These are programs that are successful that the CNMI would like to share with the participants from off-island. This year the steering committee will showcase the Joeten-Kiyu

Public Library and the Agriculture Program at San Vicente Elementary School.

Funding for the conference is a challenge. The steering committee needs \$21,000 to host the conference on Saipan. So far, it has received donations worth \$5,158 (\$3,300 cash and \$1,858 in kind).

"In order to secure the Fi-

esta Resort & Spa, we need to make a deposit of \$7,500," said committee chair Frances M. Sablan. "We got \$3,300 for the deposit, but we're lacking \$4,200 just for the deposit. Once the deposit is secured, then our other task is to raise the other 50 percent between now and April."

Any businesses or individu-

als who would like to contribute to the 2013 MYSN conference may call Sablan at 234-3462.

The steering committee will be posting the conference theme: "Pursue, Cultivate, and Sustain A Balance," call for papers and presenters, registration forms, and other information on the MYSN website, www.mysnetwork.org. (PR)

# High surf, small craft advisories out

The Emergency Management Office issued a high surf advisory yesterday that will be in effect until 10am Monday, Feb. 4, 2013.

The advisory states that moderate to fresh trade winds are expected the next few days. Combined seas of 10 to 12 feet will slowly subside to near 9 feet on Tuesday.

"Along north facing reefs, expect hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet overnight. Surf should fall below hazardous levels of 6 to 8 feet by Monday afternoon," the advisory states.

A small craft advisory is also in effect until 6am Tuesday. Seas 10 feet or higher and sustained winds of 22 knots or more are expected to produce conditions hazardous to operators of small craft.

"Combined seas near 10 to 12 feet are expected through Monday night. Seas will fall to near 9 feet on Tuesday. Sustained winds of 20 knots...are expected to diminish to 15 to 20 knots by Monday night," the advisory states.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise cautionm especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets.

The public is urged to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north facing reefs, as rip currents are life threatening. (EMO)

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Department of Commerce regulations under Title 20, Chapter 20-40, Global Insurance, Inc. issues this PUBLIC NOTICE of its intent to petition for the release of its security deposit in Global Insurance, Inc. issued labor escrow for surety bonds.

Any objection to such release must be filed within one week from the date of last publication of this notice to the CNMI Office of the Insurance Commisioner, Capital Hill, Saipan MP 96950



### PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP13-DOF/REV-068



# "TECHNICAL TAX CONSULTING SERVICES FOR DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, DVISION OF REVENUE & TAXATION OFFICE"

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, CENTRAL OFFICE, DANDAN, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFRERENCE WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2013 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME AT THE DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, CENTRAL OFFICE, DANDAN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAIPAN.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BE COME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation** Office of the Executive Director

# **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

### GROUND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR CUC WATER & WASTEWATER FACILITIES, SAIPAN

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is solicitin competitive sealed bids from qualified firms capable of providing Ground Maintenance Services for CUC Water and Wastewater facilities in Saipan, in compliance with USEPA inspection and sanitary

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of \$80.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Section (Section 2018) and the CUC are considered as the C Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-014, Ground Maintenance Services for CUC Water and Wastewater facilities, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on February 21, 2013, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will

A mandatory pre-bid conference followed by a site visit is scheduled for January 31, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Saipan, to ensure prospective bidders are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the

CUC will award a contract to more than one firm for said services, based on bids for "Services Section" pursuant to Scope-of-Work.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidder due to lack of information or understanding of the site conditions in the course of bidder's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract. The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure

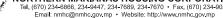
Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing in the contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on February 8, 2013 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Paul Raczkowski, Water/Wastewater Manager via address paul.raczkowski@cucgov.org

> ALAN W. FLETCHER Acting Executive Director



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION





**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Thursday, February 7, 201 at 8:30 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in

# PRELIMARY MATTERS

- Call to Order Roll Call

FLECTION OF OFFICERS

- Tuesday, November 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes PUBLIC COMMENTS

### CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT NMHC Annual Report – Division Highlights, Challenges, and Goals LIHTC Program – Draft 2013 and 2014 QAP

- USDA RD Guaranty and Plan of Action CDBG Updates Program and Housing Division Updates Mortgage & Credit Division
  - Loans for Review and Approval Payment Assistance Request
- Tottotville Home Improvements

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- FISCAL AFFAIRS
- Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2012 Actual vs. Budget Comparison as of December 31, 2012
- Fiscal Division RFP Investment of Section 8 Admin Fees
- e. 2012 Draft Audit Report

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- OTHER MATTERS ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote



### (1) GUEST RELATIONS AGENT (RUSSIAN MARKET)

Our Resort is looking for a candidate with previous Front Desk or Hotel Administration experience who is results driven and customer focused. He/she will take an active role within the Front Office and perform tasks in accordance with the Resort's business objectives.

- As Guest Relations Agent, the responsibilities include but are not limited to: · Greeting, registering and assigning rooms to guests and checking out
- Keeping records of room assignments and updating other registration information on computers.
- Communicating with Russian guests other Departments regarding guest issues and requests
- Implementing high service quality to exceed guests' expectations
- Dealing with guest inquiries and service related issues

## Qualifications:

- Minimum Education: High school graduate
- Minimum Experience: Two years of experience in a related field/similar role or in a high volume hospitality environment at as a Front Desk or Guest Relations Staff
- Ability to speak and write in Russian
- Ability to work flexible hours including nights, weekends, and holidays
- Excellent communication, organizational, and multitasking skills are a must

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application Forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our Resort. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than February 04, 2013. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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# **Opinion**



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# **EDITORIAL**

# Immigration's moment arrives

he rapidly changing mood in Washington on immigration represents a significant milestone in the long fight to ensure fairness for everyone living within America's borders.

Rarely has the power of the vote on a divisive national issue been so evident and so immediate. And so useful. The turnaround comes as a direct consequence of a quadrennial election in which President Barack Obama won a second term after capturing 71 percent of the Hispanic vote, forcing immigration opponents to confront reality.

As Sen. John McCain acknowledged recently, "We are losing dramatically the Hispanic vote, which we think should be ours." Welcome to the future, sir. Immigration advocates have been insisting all along that the issue is one of fairness, given that undocumented immigrants perform a vital service by taking low-wage jobs that keep the economy humming but which many Americans shun.

In good times, they provide cheap manpower for building booms. They toil on our farms, clean our yards and homes, wash our cars and our clothes, even look after our children and elderly parents—but are relegated to the shadows because of unrealistic immigration laws that deny them a chance to move up the ladder.

This week, the fairness argument and the political argument finally came together as eight senators of both parties—including Sen. Marco Rubio and Sen. McCain—offered a joint plan to reform immigration, with President Obama applauding their plan and offering his own blueprint to bring 11 million undocumented residents out of the shadows.

The willingness to work in a bipartisan fashion is encouraging. It's the way Congress should work. But even though the moment is ripe for change, this is far from a done deal. The tactic of endless hearings and procedural wrangling almost killed health care reform and will doubtlessly be tried again to kill an immigration overhaul.

Supporters of change must be prepared to overcome this likely obstacle. Among the thorniest issues will be enforcement, with Sen. Rubio among those saying that a failure to focus on keeping our borders safe would be a deal-breaker.

Clearly, enforcement is important. But enforcement advocates must be realistic. There is no way to seal the borders hermetically. Already, net immigration from Mexico has been around zero for several years, while deportations have soared and the border is protected as never before. How much is enough?

In the weeks and months ahead, there will be opportunity to assess the proposals in Congress. For the moment, it is important to note that the bipartisan ideas put forward propose a sweeping reform instead of the slower step-by-step approach that would have been far less effective. This alone is a victory for reform advocates.

So is the insistence on a path to citizenship, as opposed to mere "legalization," which is tantamount to permanent second-class status. If weak enforcement is a deal-breaker for some, a failure to include a path to citizenship is a deal-breaker for others.

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# Work ethics and us

arely does anyone stop to discuss and define exactly what work ethics are. Are they a set of inborn traits exclusive only to select groups of people? Do only nonresident workers possess them? If so, how did they acquire them? Are work ethics learned with proper motivation?

Walk with me as we review work ethics and how they are learned. I firmly believe that all of us can develop strong work ethics with the proper incentives and motivation. Work habits are taught, not born. Think of our own. Who molded our work ethics and how?

I know that in my case I learned them from my mother and father. They not only told me about work ethics but they showed them with their actions. I do not recall my father or mother ever missing work because of a headache or simple illness. I saw them rise early in the morning and go faithfully to work daily year after year.

They motivated my brother, sister, and me to do good schoolwork and even encouraged us to seek after-school employment. I rarely had to ask them for an allowance because I was earning my own spending money. Even while going to college I worked because my parents had inculcated strong work ethics as a youth.

Like other cultural norms, a person's adherence to or belief in the work ethic is principally influenced by socialization experiences during childhood and adolescence. Through interaction with family, peers, and significant adults, we learn to place value on work behavior as others approach us in situations demanding increasing responsibility for productivity. For example, consider the child whose parents never encourage him to do his homework or show interest in any of his activities. What does he learn?

Based on praise or affection, a child appraises his or her performance in household chores or part-time jobs and schoolwork. Even his/her personal appearance is appraised. In all of this the child's appraisal is based on the perspective of others. As the child matures, these attitudes toward work become internalized and work performance becomes less dependent on the reaction of others.

Children are influenced by the attitudes of others toward work. If a parent demonstrates a dislike for a job or fear of unemployment, children will tend to assimilate these attitudes. Parents who demonstrate a strong work ethic tend to impart a strong work ethic to their children.

Work ethic includes not only how we feel about our job, career, or vocation, but also how we do our job or responsibilities. This involves attitude, behavior, respect, communication, and interaction, i.e., how we get along with others. Work ethic demonstrates many things about us and what kind of person we are.

Are there many examples of hard work and dedication to a job shown by many local citizens? Personally, I feel very few. Most of the workforce is employed by the government. The government has its own standards of work ethic, which at times are drastically different from the private sector. Since many of the private businesses

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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When a local is hired by the foreign-owned business, he is expected to already possess work ethic.

The schools must take a more active role in fostering sound work ethics. Students must be constantly reminded about work ethics and why they are important to success in the workplace. This teaching

are owned by foreigners, little training is done to teach work ethic.

ethics. Students must take a more active role in lostering sound work ethics. Students must be constantly reminded about work ethics and why they are important to success in the workplace. This teaching must become a component of secondary education. Neglecting this vital role results in a weak labor force and as a result businesses continue to rely more and more on nonresident workers.

Let's explore a common myth about nonresident workers. Many of us tend to believe that they are driven by a strong work ethic. But upon close examination, this is not really true. They come to the CNMI out of dire need. Their native country cannot provide good paying jobs so they migrate to better working conditions. Because they realize that their wages in the CNMI are several times higher than what they could earn in their own country and also send money home to feed their family, they work hard. Necessity drives them.

The majority of the local citizen has not had this need. He lives at home, has plenty of friends, and can collect food stamps. Than comes a time when he may be forced to look for a job. No one has trained him or motivated him. He looks at the public sector which he has seen and learned from parents, relatives or friends. He notices that rarely is ever anyone fired from a public sector job regardless of competency. So he compares it to the private sector.

When he discovers that the public sector and the private sector are different, he rebels. "No one said I have to be on time and put out X amount of work or listen carefully and follow my boss's orders, and if not I will get sent home. Man, I quit. I can make as much money collecting food stamps." Does this sound familiar?

Nowhere does it state that the employee is lazy or indifferent to work. He just was never taught that the rules of the private sector are different from the public sector, which should not be the case.

I firmly believe that our local people are as intelligent and as trainable as any worker in the world. Our local people have not been sufficiently taught that work is necessary for a decent life and for self-pride. We have abused the minimum wage by insisting that

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# Mannings and Harbaughs

embers of the Manning football family (Dad Archie was an NFL QB and first brother Cooper was a rising star until diagnosed with cervical stenosis) went into the gridiron on the first half of the Aloha Pro Bowl to QB their respective Football Conferences. Peyton of the Denver Broncos led the AFC and younger brother Eli of the New York Giants for the NFC. The first half was a family affair until the NFC unleashed an offense that was too much for the AFC in the second quarter, and ran away with the Bowl before the first half was over.

A traditionally low intensity, high scoring event, the Aloha Pro

Bowl, was widely criticized last year for what was construed as lackluster performances from attending players basking more in the prestige and honor rather than the exigencies of the game and efforts involved, causing the NFL commissioner to declare this year's event a possible

Some reporters still considered last week's performance as just another "ho-hum" but to the local economy, it was a week of high hotel occupancy. With a sold-out stadium, the blackout on TV broadcast locally was also lifted. So we got to witness part of the first half before the NFC ran off with the bowl.

The Manning brothers were earlier projected to appear in today's Super Bowl (Monday on Saipan, Sunday in New Orleans) but the Harbaugh brothers showed up instead. Both led number 2-seeded teams to be conference champs. Older John of the Baltimore Ravens is pitted against younger Jim of the San Francisco Forty-Niners. Already, the event is nicknamed the Harbaugh Bowl, HarBowl, SuperBaugh, and the Brother Bowl!

The Ravens were knocking on the Super Bowl door last year until they missed a potential tying field goal against the New England Patriots. The Patriots then lost year's loss by beating the Patriots in the AFC Championship Game, marking a hard-earned victory for five-year coach John Harbaugh.

The Niners had been to the Super Bowl five times in their history, with their last appearance in 1995, Super Bowl XXIX. They won that one against the San Diego Chargers. Then they went into a slump of ineptitude. In 2010, after Jim Harbough led Stanford to a 12-1 season, he was hired to coach the Forty-Niners. The Niners had a winning QB in Alex Smith who sadly suffered a concussion and was replaced by colorful backup and multiracial Colin Kaepernick. He did not disappoint.





In these Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, file photos, San Francisco 49ers head coach Jim Harto the New York Giants. There were talks that this year baugh, left, in Atlanta, and Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh in Foxborough, might see a repeat meeting but the Ravens avenged last Mass., coach during their NFL football conference championship games.

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This year, the Niners won their NFC West division, then disposed of the Green Bay Packers, but ran into No. 1 seeded Atlanta Falcons in the NFC Championship Game. They were scoreless after the first half with the Falcons ahead by 17 until the Niners regained their composure and went on to score their 28 points in the second half to defeat

The Niners have all won their five appearances at the Super Bowl. The Ravens appeared once to beat the New York Giants 34-7 in 2001, Super Bowl XXXV. Brothers John and Jim have only played against each other once, in the 2011 Thanksgiving Day special. The host Ravens won 16-6.

This year's Super Bowl not only pits two coaches who are brothers, but also two teams who have yet to lose a Super Bowl appearance.

Jack Harbaugh, a former college football head coach and father of the contesting coaches, in a radio interview with wife Jackie and daughter Joani, stayed neutral on the contest. Jackie did ask if the game can end in a tie. She was not comfortable watching the Thanksgiving game two years back. She'll do similarly on this one.

A tie is not an option. Today, two teams meet who have yet to lose in an appearance in the Super Bowl, and we will find out who gets to keep the undefeated title.

# Disposision tanu' publiku

u taitai 'nos kuantos biahe, dispues hu repasa todu probision konstitusion pot asuntun tanu' publiku. Ti hu soda' ma-mente "tanu' gobietnu" 'sino i mafanana'an "government land". Lau oppan yan klaru i asuntu pot "tanu' publiku"-public land. Solu tutot tanu' publiku i Depatta-

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Mauleg lokue' ta tutuhon gumuadog haf' 'nai man-mama'u'usa fondun atkilon tanu' publiku. Kau magahet na ligat ennau siha na gastu? Pot ihemplu, manu 'nai mañule' atoridatña i MPLT gumasta fondun atkilon tanu' publiku para u famahan tanu' praibet? Kau man-malefa hamyu haf' obligau mandatun MPLT segun i konstitusion?

## Fatsu na planun administrasion

Guaha gi alacha 'nai ha mente i gobietnu planun para u bende adelantau na tanu' pubiku. Dispensayu' un' ratu señor, lau manu 'nai un' chule atoridatmu para un' bende tanu' man-indihinau 'sino natibu?

Señor, ti mana'e hau nu ennau na atoridat segun i konstitusionm 'usun, manehanten yan disposision'' tanu' publiku. I lehistatura mana'e dididi' gi bandan disposision 'nai i usun tanu' publiku tineteka siñku hektarias.

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tanu' praibet. Manu 'nai ha chule' MPLT atoridatña usun salape'ta mamahan tanu' praibet? Mauleg ta faisen parehu ha' i gobietnu yan manehante MPLT klaru na esplikasion pot pisun atoridat usun fondu ginen atkilon tanu' publiku—tano'ta.

Dispues, i mandaton konstitusion pot para u po'lu ya u fama' ganansia salape'ta. Haf' na kontodu offisina ni sige ha' dumañkulu gastoña guaha pa'gu? Chagu' este yan haf' masede gi papa' i konstitusion. Pot fabot tatiye haf' ilelegña i letra yan espiritun pot mamo'lun fondu ginen tanu' publiku.

# **Gaston Hinemlu'**

I asuntu ni sessu tana' fa'pos gi konbetsasionta gaige gi gaston hinemlu'. Ti bai' chanda ennau na attikulu sa' mauleg ta komprende na guaguan mampos gastun setbisiun hinemlu'. Gi mismu tiempu, hasan ta diskute gastota gi todu che'chu' animu para tafan homlu'. Estague' mauleg ta inan ñaihon pot gastu.

Trabiha ti hu sosoda' hospitat para man-homlu' lau kada ratu hit man-mariseta pot todu kanset, didog na chetnot daibites, yan otru siha chinatsaga. Achog pot malineg ulu, ensegidas ta rikonose i mediku kulan bisiu. Lau kau todu chinatsagan pinadesi presisu na u guaha riniseta ginen medikuta?

Megai famalao'an man-mariseseta pot kanset susu yan otru patte gi tatautau niha. Mientras tantos, mas megai na famalao'an mannina'ye kanset susu. Lau man-mariseta pot este na chetnot. Kontodu lalahe sessu man-mariseta un' patte gi entalu pidus yan damot niha lau sige ma-umenta numeron kanset.

Duru sineyu' inadahe gi haf' ta kakanu yan eksisiu. Lau mas megai na tautauta man-nina'ye chetnot daibites. Dispues, mas megai pa'gu man-madistitila haga' niha gi sentron daialasis (Dialysis Center). Mauleg na programa siha ya kase u guaha mas adelantu gı tuturon tamaguonta ke man-amku'

## Fache' Miserable

Gi silensiu na bandan hinasoghu, sige hu disimula haf' na mampos

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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mafondu i linala' tautau-ta na biahe. Todu siña un' sogne kontodu hagu mismu maseha ti un' hasñgon.

I disison-mu tres años malofan mafattu gi hilu sinsiyu na dinisehan inañgoghu gi este na gobietnu para u adelanta kinalamten todus. Lau ha yotten ñaihon inañgoghota ya ha yute' gi kahun basula. Finañagu para umana' suha ginen puestoña—impeachment.

Masusede este sa' gi selebrasion 'nai gumubietnu, inipos i gipot mapega gi puestoña 'nai ni unabes 'nai ha hassu haf' taimanu fatoña guihe na puestu. Malefa ni pattisipasion megai na tautau 'nai maintregague' ni satton na inañgoghun niha. Lastima!

Parehu yan tolai ni un' songge gi santatte. Ti sina unna' setbe gi biradamu sa' gaige esta gi taduñg na fondun tasi 'sino sadog. Kau i miserable na modun linala'ta i tronun este na administrasion gi tautau siha?

Sige dos amigu mumaneska gi puntan pantalan. Ha yute'gue' i unu gi fina taduñg. Gi biradaña hulu' ha lagnos i inaflitun petnan manog ya sige ha kanu'. 'Nai finaisen ni amuguña manu 'nai mañule' chesaña, ilegña, "Yute' hau sa' mangugupot esta guihe papa'.

Ha yutegue' i prohimu lau fina natata 'nai poduñg. Ha danche iluña gi achu' kuraliñg ya duru mahag'ga'. Mafaisen haf' sinesediña, ilegna, "Man-bulachu 'sta ya duru man-mumu" ya kontodu guahu matrukus 'nai tumalag halomyu'". De dios mihu!

# WORK

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workers be paid that amount regardless of their skill. A skilled employee deserves top wages.

In this discussion I am pointing out our labor problems. I am emphasizing that we find solutions fast or we will always be dependent on outside workers. I am asking us to change how we think about work and its necessity for a prosperous and happy community. A strong nation is only as strong as its trained and educated workforce. Our local citizens are trainable if given the chance and opportunity. Let's start now!

This concept of teaching work ethics to our local work force is

the whole concept of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute. However the governor decided to veto entirely the money appropriated to the Institute by both the House and the Senate during last year's budget hearings. So the Institute without any money is in a state of limbo—does it close or will it survive? Yet the money was given to the government from the CW1 contributions from employers to train local workers for skilled jobs. I guess he doesn't feel it is necessary to train our local people.

Now the government is asking the federal government for a five-year extension to employ nonresident workers. I ask, what have we done in the past five years to train our local citizens for work? Practically nothing! Do we suppose that should a fiveyear extension be granted we will start to train locals to become skilled and trained employees before the five-year extension is finished? Don't hold your breath.

However despite the fact that many locals are not motivated in work ethics, it is each individual's responsibility to learn them. There is no excuse. Listen to what Oprah Winfrey says about her youth: "I don't think of myself as a poor, deprived ghetto girl who made good. I think of myself who from an early age knew I was responsible for myself, and I had to make good."

The above comments hopefully will start us to think and decide how we are going to train our locals. Foreign workers are not the salvation of our islands. Only a local skilled and literate labor force that is willing to earn a living with their hands, hearts and minds is. We must create this local workforce for only they can restore prosperity, pride and dignity to our community. Have a great week and smile!

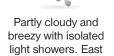
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# The Weather

### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian





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Yesterday's Satellite Image

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| Chuuk       | Showers       | <b>▲</b> 84 | ▼80         |
| Pohnpei     | Showers       | <b>▲</b> 85 | <b>▼</b> 80 |
| Kosrae      | Showers       | <b>▲</b> 85 | <b>▼</b> 80 |
| Majuro      | Partly Cloudy | <b>▲</b> 87 | ₩81         |

# Around The Globe

| Auckland      | Showers       | <b>▲</b> 75 | <b>▼</b> 70 |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Beijing       | Sunny         | <b>▲</b> 34 | ▼19         |
| Hong Kong     | Cloudy        | <b>▲</b> 73 | <b>▼</b> 68 |
| Honolulu      | Partly Cloudy | <b>▲</b> 80 | <b>▼</b> 67 |
| London        | Mostly Cloudy | <b>▲</b> 50 | ₹42         |
| Los Angeles   | Mostly Cloudy | <b>▲</b> 73 | <b>▼</b> 53 |
| Manila        | Partly Cloudy | <b>≜</b> 85 | ₹76         |
| Melbourne     | Partly Cloudy | <b>▲</b> 74 | ▼57         |
| Miami         | Partly Cloudy | <b>▲</b> 76 | ▼53         |
| New York      | Snow          | <b>▲</b> 34 | ₹25         |
| Osaka         | Showers       | <b>▲</b> 54 | ₹43         |
| Paris         | Showers       | <b>▲</b> 51 | <b>▼</b> 43 |
| Pusan         | Showers       | <b>▲</b> 52 | ▼36         |
| Rome          | Sunny         | <b>▲</b> 54 | <b>▼</b> 36 |
| Salem         | Cloudy        | <b>▲</b> 51 | ▼39         |
| San Francisco | Mostly Cloudy | <b>▲</b> 65 | ▼47         |
| Seoul         | Snow          | ▲37         | ▼23         |
| Tokyo         | Partly Cloudy | <b>▲</b> 55 | <b>▼</b> 42 |

# PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends southwestward from 19N180 to east of Chuuk at 7N154E. Cloudiness and light showers are found along and up to 300 miles northwest of the shear line east of 160E. An old shear line is producing clouds and showers east of Yap and Koror and south of Guam within 100 miles of a line from 6N136E to 12N151E. A surface trough extends southeastward from 3N132E to EQ142E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring south of Koror south of a line from 6N130E to 2N145E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across portions of Kosrae state and the Marshall Islands between 4N and 8N from 166E to the date line.

### **Tides** Saipan Harbor High Tide: 2:05 AM Today 1.4 Feet 7:06 AM Today Low Tide: 1.0 Feet 1:04 PM High Tide: 1.9 Feet Today 8:43 PM Today Low Tide: 0.0 Feet

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| Thursday  | 3:32 AM    | 3:13 PM  |
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| UA5062                | 4:40am 5   | :30am     | 1, 3, 5                  | UA5071       | 7:05am   | 7:55am     | Daily                 |
| UA5068                | 8:25am 9   | ):15am    | Daily                    | UA5073       | 9:50am   | 10:40am    | 1, 2, 3, 4            |
| UA5074                | 11:10am 1  | 2:00pm    | 1, 4, 5, 7               | UA5075       | 1:45pm   | 2:35pm     | 1, 4, 5, 7            |
| UA5076                | 3:10pm 4   | 1:00pm    | Daily                    | UA5077       |          | 6:25pm     | Daily                 |
| UA5078                | 6:55pm 7   |           | Daily                    | UA5079       |          | 9:10pm     | Daily                 |
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| DL287/173             | 6:00am 1   | 0:25pm    | Daily via NRT            | 0Z702/605    |          | 1:00am+1   | 7 via IC              |
| UA5076/183            | 3:10pm 9   | ):30pm    | 2, 5 via                 | 0Z702/605    |          | 1:30am+1   | 1, 2, 3, 4            |
| UA5076/183            | 3:10pm 9   | ):50pm    | GUM<br>1, 3, 4, 6, 7     | PR110/UA5071 | 10:10pm  | 8:00am+1   | via ICN<br>1, 3, 5, 6 |
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| 0Z604/749             | 3:20pm 1   | 1:00pm    | Daily via ICN            | UA180/5071   |          | 10:40am+1  |                       |
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| Airline                       | ETD            | ETA F          | requency       | Airline       | ETD   | ETA Fr | equency |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------|--------|---------|
| Guam-Rota                     |                |                |                | FRE 115       | 13:00 | 13:10  | Daily   |
| FRE 100                       | 7:30           | 8:00           | Daily          | FRE 117       | 14:30 | 14:40  | Daily   |
| Rota-Saipan                   |                |                | ,              | FRE 119       | 16:00 | 16:10  | Daily   |
| FRE 100                       | 8:20           | 8:50           | Daily          | FRE 121       | 16:40 | 16:50  | Daily   |
| Guam-Rota                     |                |                |                | FRE 123       | 17:40 | 17:50  | Daily   |
| FRE 300<br><b>Rota-Saipan</b> | 17:00<br>17:50 | 17:30<br>18:20 | Daily<br>Daily | FRE 125       | 18:30 | 18:40  | Daily   |
| Saipan-Rota                   |                |                |                | Tinian-Saipan |       |        |         |
| FRE 200                       | 9:30           | 10:00          | Daily          | FRE 102       | 7:05  | 7:15   | Daily   |
| Rota-Guam                     | 10:20          | 10:45          | Daily          | FRE 104       | 7:50  | 8:00   | Daily   |
| Saipan-Rota                   |                |                | •              | FRE 106       | 8:20  | 8:30   | Daily   |
| FRE 400                       | 18:55          | 19:25          | Daily          | FRE 108       | 9:00  | 9:10   | Daily   |
| Rota-Guam                     |                |                |                | FRE 110       | 10:00 | 10:10  | Daily   |
| FRE 400                       | 19:40          | 20:10          | Daily          | FRE 112       | 11:05 | 11:15  | Daily   |
|                               |                |                |                | FRE 114       | 12:00 | 12:10  | Daily   |
| Saipan-Tinian                 |                |                | - 4            | FRE 116       | 13:30 | 13:40  | Daily   |
| FRE 101                       | 6:45           | 6:55           | Daily          | FRE 118       | 14:50 | 15:00  | Daily   |
| FRE 103                       | 7:30           | 7:40           | Daily          | FRE 120       | 16:20 | 16:30  | Daily   |
| FRE 105                       | 8:00           | 8:10           | Daily          | FRE 122       | 17:00 | 17:10  | Daily   |
| FRE 107                       | 8:40           | 8:50           | Daily          | FRE 124       | 18:05 | 18:15  | Daily   |
| FRE 109                       | 9:10           | 9:20           | Daily          |               |       |        |         |
| FRE 111                       | 10:45          | 10:55          | Daily          | FRE 126       | 18:50 | 19:00  | Daily   |

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# Sendoff Ceremony



U.S. Army Maj. Joseph I. Cruz, executive officer of the I-294th Infantry Regiment, delivers opening remarks at the Guam Army National Guard's deployment sendoff ceremony at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan Friday morning. There are 16 men and women from the CNMI who will be deploying to Afghanistan as part of more than 600 soldiers belonging to the battalion, the largest mobilization and deployment in the history of the Guam Army National Guard.



Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) delivers remarks at the send-HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



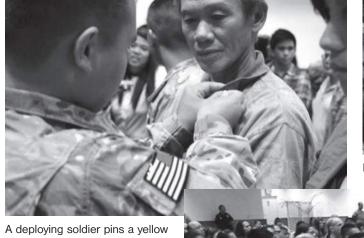
One of 16 deploying soldiers from the CNMI shakes hands with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, as Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), and Guam Army National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Benny Pau-

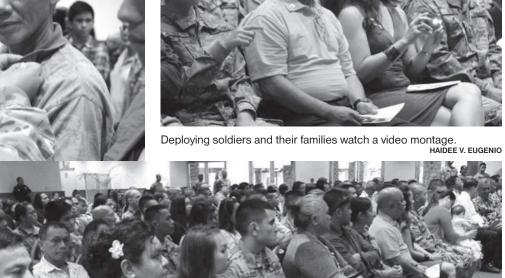


U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Benny Paulino, the Adjutant General for the Guam National Guard, addresses the crowd at the deployment sendoff ceremony. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



ribbon on his father's shirt at the sendoff ceremony.





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An Army band plays the Army Song.



Families, employers, and dignitaries listen to speakers during the sendoff ceremony.



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Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Guam-CNMI Committee state chair David Sablan announces the eight recipients of the U.S. Secretary of Defense "My Boss is a Patriot" Award. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



From left, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero, and other dignitaries.

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# **Business**

# Report: US job market looks surprisingly strong

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. job market is proving surprisingly strong and raising hopes that the economy will be resilient enough this year to withstand a budget standoff in Washington and potentially deep cuts in federal spending.

Employers added 157,000 jobs last month, and hiring turned out to be healthier than previously thought at the end of 2012 just as the economy faced the threat of the "fiscal cliff."

Still, unemployment remains persistently high. The unemployment rate ticked up to 7.9 percent last month from 7.8 percent in December.

Many economists, though, focused on the steady job growth—especially healthier-than-expected hiring late last year. The Labor Department revised its estimates of job gains for November from an initial 161,000 to 247,000 and for December from 155,000 to 196,000.

The department also revised its figures for all of 2012 upward—to an average of 180.000 new jobs a month from a previously estimated 150,000.



In this Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013 photo, Fernando Rames answers questions on a job application at the job fair in Sunrise, Fla.

"The significantly stronger payroll gains tell us the economy has a lot more momentum than what we had thought," Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank, said in a research note.

The government frequently revises the monthly job totals as it collects more information. Sometimes the revisions can be dramatic, as in November and December.

The January jobs report helped fuel a powerful rally on Wall Street. Stock averages all jumped more than 1 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 14,000 for the first time since October 2007, two months before the Great Recession officially began.

Beyond the job market, the economy is showing other signs of health. Factories were busier last month than they have been since April 2012. Ford, Chrysler and General Motors all reported doubledigit sales gains for last month, their best January in five years.

Home prices have been rising steadily. Higher home val-

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ues tend to make Americans feel wealthier and more likely to spend.

Housing construction is recovering, too. Construction spending rose last year for the first time in six years and is expected to add 1 percentage point to economic growth this

The housing rebound appears finally to be producing a long-awaited return of construction-industry jobs, which have typically help drive economic recoveries. Construction companies added 28,000 jobs in January. Over the past three months, construction has added 82,000 jobs—the best quarterly increase since 2006. Even with the gains, construction employment is about 2 million below its housingbubble peak of 7.7 million in April 2006.

Health care employers added 28,000 jobs in January. Retailers added 33,000, and hotels and restaurants 17.000. The job growth in retail, hotels and restaurants suggests that employers have grown more confident about consumer spending, which fuels about 70 percent of the economy.

The government uses a survey of mostly large businesses and government agencies to determine how many jobs are added or lost each month. That's the survey that produced the gain of 157,000 jobs for January.

# Twitter, Washington Post targeted by hackers

NEW YORK (AP)—Social media giant Twitter is among the latest U.S. companies to report that it is among a growing list of victims of Internet security attacks, saving that hackers may have gained access to information on 250,000 of its more than 200 million active users. And now, The Washington Post is joining the chorus, revealing the discovery of a sophisticated cyberattack in 2011.

Twitter said in a blog post on Friday it detected attempts to gain access to its user data earlier in the week. It shut down one attack moments after it was detected.

But Twitter discovered that the attackers may have stolen user names, email addresses and encrypted passwords belonging to 250,000 users they describe as "a very small percentage of our users." The company reset the pilfered passwords and sent emails advising the affected users.

The Twitter attack comes on the heels of recent hacks into the computer systems of U.S. companies, including The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. Both newspapers reported this week that their computer systems had been infiltrated by China-based hackers, likely to monitor media coverage the Chinese government deems important.

On Friday, The Washington Post disclosed in an article published on its website that it was also the target of a sophisticated cyberattack, which was discovered in 2011 and was first reported by an independent cybersecurity blog. Washington Post spokeswoman, Kris Coratti, didn't offer any details including the duration of the attack or the origins. But according to sources that the newspaper quoted, who it said spoke on condition of anonymity, the intruders gained access as early as 2008 or 2009. According to the sources, Chinese hackers are also suspected.

Coratti couldn't be reached immediately for comment by The Associated Press. According to her comments made to the newspaper, the company worked with security company Mandiant to "detect, investigate and remediate the situation promptly at the end of 2011."

China has been accused of mounting a widespread, aggressive cyber-spying campaign for several years, trying to steal classified information and corporate secrets and to intimidate critics. The Chinese foreign ministry could not be reached for comment Saturday, but the Chinese government has said those accusations are baseless and that China itself is a victim of cyberattacks.

# Delta develops The Sky Deck at Delta Sky Club

# »New outdoor airport terraces in Atlanta and New York

SAIPAN—Delta Air Lines has partnered with Architectural Digest to develop the airline's firstever outdoor airport terraces, called The Sky Deck at Delta Sky Club in Concourse F of Atlanta's new international terminal and in New York's redeveloped Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport. Renowned designer Thom Filicia was selected by Architectural Digest to create distinctive spaces that will be extensions of the Delta Sky Clubs.

"Delta is proud to collaborate with two of the most renowned names in design— Architectural Digest and designer Thom Filicia—on our first outdoor Delta Sky Club spaces," said Tim Mapes, Delta's senior vice president-Marketing. "Sky Deck represents our continuing effort to offer Delta customers exclusive experiences and amenities they value. The new outdoor terraces will do just that provide distinctive spaces with unprecedented outdoor runway views at two of the most globally significant airports in the world.'

"It is ideal when we can collaborate on a marketing program that taps into AD's design expertise and trusted relationship with read-

ers, and Delta has done so in order to create truly unique customer experiences," said Giulio Capua, vice president and publisher of Architectural Digest. "Architectural Digest has unmatched access to the top design talent and experience with luxurious home furnishing brands, and we are thrilled to leverage both as part of this collaboration."

be adjacent to the Delta Sky Club in Concourse F and will

open this summer. At JFK, the space will be a rooftop terrace at the club in the airline's new \$1.2 billion expansion of Terminal 4, scheduled to open in May. In addition to a unique viewing opportunity, the clubs will offer the comfort, convenience and relaxation customers expect from the award-winning Delta LTA Sky Club experience.

"Amid the hustle and bustle of the airport experience, we seek to create a refuge, which represents Delta's dedication to elevated design and pays homage to an elegant lifestyle of travel and the spirit of flight," said designer Thom Filicia.

Over the last 24 months, Delta has opened or renovated 13 clubs across the Delta system The new space in Atlanta will in cities including Atlanta, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York,

Philadelphia and Seattle.

est in the airline's more than \$3 billion investment in enhanced global products, services and airport facilities through 2015. In addition to investments in Delta Sky Clubs, Delta operates the largest Wi-Fi-enabled fleet in the world, is adding recharging stations at more airports, has added more First Class seats and in-flight entertainment to its domestic product; offers Economy Comfort on all two-class aircraft; is adding personal, in-seat entertainment for both BusinessElite and Economy class customers on all longhaul international flights; and is overhauling its terminal facility for international customers at its two largest global gateways —the new international terminal in Atlanta now open and the expanded international terminal opening in May at New York-JFK. (Delta Air Lines)

# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

### **Boeing engineers** begin vote on strike next week

Just when Boeing really needs its engineers, they're voting on whether to strike. It's bad timing for Boeing. The aircraft maker is working around the clock to solve battery problems that have grounded its 787s around the world, and unionized engineers are a big part of that effort. The vote begins Tuesday and runs through Feb.

19. The union has recommended that its members reject Boeing's contract proposal, hoping the company offers something better, or they may strike. The strike threat is growing just as Boeing is dealing with a host of other problems. It must mollify airlines frustrated about buying a \$200 million plane they can't fly, and it needs to fix the battery problem. U.S. regulators have launched an open-ended review of the 787's design and construction. And Boeing needs to speed production of the 787 and other planes. (AP)

### **Report: German check** bust man is ex-Iran bank head

BERLIN (AP)—The German newspaper Bild am Sonntag reports that a man caught last month trying to enter Germany with a check worth about \$70 million was Iran's former central bank chief. The weekly

reports that customs officials at Duesseldorf airport found the check in Tahmasb Mazaheri's luggage Jan. 21 upon his arrival from Turkey. German customs had issued a statement Friday saying a check for 300 million Venezuelan Bolivars issued by the Bank of Venezuela was found on an unnamed 59-year-old man. Neither customs officials nor Iran's embassy could be reached for comment late Saturday. Mazaheri

was the governor of the Central Bank of Iran until 2008.

## Bank of America's online banking crashes

NEW YORK (AP)—Bank of America says its online banking website crashed Friday, leaving customers temporarily unable to access their accounts. From late morning Friday, customers trying to log on saw a message that said the site was "temporarily unavailable." Bank of America Corp., which is based in Charlotte, N.C., and is the second-largest U.S. bank by assets, said it was working on the problem. But it wouldn't elaborate on what caused the outage. "We're aware of the online banking issue and addressing as quickly as possible," Mark Pipitone, a spokesman for the bank, wrote in an email. "We're also working closely with our customers to help alleviate any concerns."

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# **Nation**

# White House photo shows Obama skeet shooting

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two days before President Barack Obama's first trip outside Washington to promote his gun-control proposals, the White House tried Saturday to settle a brewing mystery by releasing a photo to back his claim to be a skeet shooter.

Obama had set inquiring minds spinning when, in an interview with The New Republic magazine, he answered "yes" when asked if he had ever fired a gun. The admission came as a surprise to many.

"Yes, in fact, up at Camp David, we do skeet shooting all the time," Obama said in the interview released last weekend, referring to the official presidential retreat in rural Maryland, which he last visited in October while campaigning for re-election. Asked whether the entire family participates, the president said: "Not the girls, but oftentimes guests of mine



In this photo released by the White House, President Barack Obama shoots clay targets on the range at Camp David, Md., Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012.

go up there."

Obama never mentioned skeet shooting prior to that in-

The White House photo released Saturday is dated Aug. 4, 2012. The caption says Obama is shooting clay targets on the range at Camp David. Obama

is seen holding a gun against his left shoulder, his left index finger on the trigger and smoke

# Immigration bill splits GOP on national-local line

WASHINGTON (AP)—The immigration debate is threatening to split the Republican Party, pitting those who focus mainly on presidential elections against those who care mostly about congressional races.

Strategists say that if Republicans are to win presidential elections, which they've been losing lately, partly because of dismal support from Hispanic voters, they must soften their rhetoric about illegal immigrants and embrace some version of "immigration reform."

But granting illegal residents a path to citizenship, which critics call "amnesty," is deeply unpopular in many House Republicans' districts.

President Barack Obama wants such a pathway. So do some prominent GOP lawmakers who are seeking a way out of their party's jam.

The plans differ on when and how citizenship might occur, with border security a central issue. Resolving these differences may determine whether a major law is enacted in the coming months.

Some GOP strategists fear they will lose either way.

If by the next election Latino voters think Republicans opposed and possibly blocked a comprehensive immigration overhaul, they might turn against the party in even bigger numbers.

On the other hand, converting millions of illegal Hispanic residents into citizens might produce large numbers of new voters who will lean Democrat-

"This is a perilous debate that Republicans have entered into," said John Ullyot, a Republican consultant and a former Senate aide.

Obama won 71 percent of the Hispanic vote last November and 67 percent in 2008. GOP campaign professionals say Republicans are dooming themselves if they don't show a more welcoming face to this fast-growing segment of voters.

"Republicans need to solve this issue, politically, if they wish to win national elections, and they know it," said Texas-based GOP consultant Matt Mackowiak.

Winning House elections, however, is a different matter.

A number of Republican lawmakers and aides say "amnesty" for illegal immigrants triggers strong resentment among their constituents. The upcoming debates could stir passions further, even in swing districts.

Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio, lost his Cincinnati-area seat to a Democrat in 2008, then regained it two years later. He opposes giving illegal immigrants an eventual route to citizenship.

"It is unfair to allow those who have willfully and intentionally broken our nation's immigration laws to, in essence, cut in front of those who have been patiently and legally waiting their turn to become U.S. citizens," Chabot wrote on his House blog. Republicans should appeal to Hispanic voters "on principle," he said, not by agreeing to liberal immigration policies. "Republicans are better for Hispanics because our policies are better for them,"

# Report: Missing NYC woman found dead in Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—A New York City woman who went missing while vacationing alone in Istanbul was found dead on Saturday, and police were questioning 11 people in connection with the case, Turkey's staterun news agency said.

Sarai Sierra, a 33-year-old mother of two, was last heard from on Jan. 21, the day she was to fly home. Her disappearance attracted a lot of interest in Turkey, where the disappearance of tourists is rare, and Istanbul police had set up a special unit to find her.

The state-run Anadolu Agency said the body of a woman was discovered Saturday evening near the remnants of ancient city walls and that police later identified it as Sierra's.

The agency said she was found with a head wound and a

blanket near her body. She was wearing jeans, a jumper and a jacket, and still had her earrings and a bracelet.

ciated Press refused to comment on the case.

Sierra, whose children are 9 and 11, had left for Istanbul on Jan. 7 to explore her photography hobby and made a side trip to Amsterdam, Netherlands, and Munich, Germany. She had originally planned to

travel with a friend, but ended up traveling alone when her friend canceled.

She was in regular contact with friends and relatives, and was last in touch with her family on Jan. 21, the day she was due back in New York. She told them she would visit Galata Bridge, which spans Istanbul's Golden Horn waterway, to take photos.

The body was found not Police reached by The Asso- far from the bridge and near a major road that runs alongside the sea of Marmara. Here tour-

ists often photograph dozens of tankers waiting to access the Bosporus strait.

On Saturday, police stopped traffic there as forensic police inspected the area.

Anadolu suggested Sierra may have been killed at another location and that her body may have been brought

At least 11 people were being questioned in Istanbul, Anadolu said, and a police official at the site told journalists that two of them were women. The official

to the site to be hidden there.

spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters about the case. Earlier, Anadolu had said nine people were detained.

It was not clear if a Turkish man Sierra had exchanged emails with during her stay in Istanbul was among those being questioned. He was detained for questioning Friday, then released. Turkish news reports said Sierra had arranged to meet the man on Galata Bridge, but he reportedly told police the meeting never took place.

Shortly after her body was discovered, a woman came forward and told police she had seen a white car parked near the city walls as she was driving there the night of Jan. 29, Anadolu reported. She said a man was trying to remove "something" from the car.

coming from the barrel. He is wearing jeans, a dark blue, short-sleeved polo shirt, sunglasses and earmuffs.

The National Rifle Association, which has rejected Obama's proposals, scoffed at the photo.

"One picture does not erase a lifetime of supporting every gun ban and every gun-control scheme imaginable," said Andrew Arulanandam, the organization's spokesman.

The NRA opposes Obama's call for Congress to ban assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines and says requiring background checks for all gun purchases would be ineffective because the administration isn't doing enough to enforce existing gun laws.

Asked at Monday's press frequently briefing how Obama shoots skeet and whether photos existed, White House press secretary Jay Carnev said he didn't know how often. Pictures may exist, he said, but he hadn't seen any.

"Why haven't we heard about it before?" Carney was asked.

"Because when he goes to Camp David, he goes to spend time with his family and friends and relax, not to produce photographs," Carney said.

Obama is accompanied almost everywhere by at least one White House photographer.

Carney declined to comment on the decision to release the photo, which he had announced on Twitter. The release appeared to be part of a strategy to portray Obama as sympathetic to gun owners and opponents of his gun-control measures who argue the proposals would infringe on an individual's Second Amendment right to bear arms.

A top official with the National Skeet Shooting Association said the photo suggests Obama is a novice shooter.

"This isn't something he's done very often because of how he's standing, how he has the gun mounted," said Michael Hampton, executive director of the San Antoniobased association.

Hampton said Obama's remark about "skeet shooting all the time" and the White House photo would have met less skepticism had the president spoken about his hobby months before this new debate over guns in the U.S.

# ACROSS THE NATION

### Bus hits overpass in **Boston, injuring more** than 30

**BOSTON** (AP)—A charter bus carrying high school students from Pennsylvania crashed when it attempted to pass under a low bridge in Boston on Saturday night, injuring more than 30 people, four seriously, and leaving some trapped for more than an hour, authorities said. The students had been in the area to visit Harvard University. The bus, which was carrying 42 students and adult chaperones, was heading back to the Philadelphia area when it struck an overpass on Soldier's Field Road, a major crosstown road, at around 7:30 p.m., Massachusetts State Police said. Authorities said the Calvary Coach bus did not belong on the road, in place and over-sized vehicles are not authorized State Police said the driver, whose name was not released, "failed to heed signs" warning of the height limit and will likely be cited for an overheight violation.

## Mistakenly freed killer captured while watching TV

CHICAGO (AP)—Two days after a stunning series of errors allowed a convicted murderer to walk out of a Chicago jail where he did not need to be in the first place, police recaptured the man at a northern Illinois home where he was found watching TV. Steven L. Rob-

bins, 44, put up no resistance Friday night as police burst through the door of a townhome in Kankakee, about 60 miles south of Chicago, said Cook County Sheriff's Office spokesman Frank Bilecki. "He was in the living room or kitchen area watching TV, taken by total surprise," Bilecki said, adding that it appears the homeowner might know an acquaintance of Robbins. Before the arrest, a surveillance team spotted Robbins wearing a curly wig while carrying groceries from a vehicle into the home, the sheriff's office said.

### Missing 13-year-old girl found dead in Calif. park

**FAIRFIELD, Calif.** (AP)—A 13-year-old girl reported misswhere a 10-foot height limit is ing Thursday has been found dead in a park in the Northern California city of Fairfield. police said. A passer-by discovered the girl's naked body a little before 7 a.m. Friday in the city's Alan Witt Park and flagged down a police officer who was driving by, Fairfield Police Officer Cleo Mayoral said Saturday. The girl was reported missing around 5:45 p.m. Thursday after she had left a foster home in nearby Suisun City, Mayoral said. Her name was not released. An autopsy was performed, but Mayoral said officials weren't releasing the results. He did say that when the girl's body was found there were no obvious signs of trauma.

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# Asia

# Navy ship is a complete loss

**HONOLULU** (AP)—The U.S. Navy plans to dismantle a minesweeper that ran aground on a coral reef off the Philippines because the ship is a complete loss and because removing it intact would cause more damage to the reef and the ship's hull, a spokesman said Wednesday.

There's also a chance the USS Guardian might break up or sink if crews tried to remove it without taking it apart first, U.S. Pacific Fleet spokesman Capt. Darryn James said.

Limiting damage to the coral, which is part of a national marine park, is important to the Navy, James said.

"We really do care about being good stewards of the environment," he said by telephone from Pacific Fleet headquarters in Pearl Harbor.

The Navy has presented the ship removal plan to the Philippines, which is reviewing it.

"We're working very closely with the Philippine coast guard, with their navy and their government personnel. We've been grateful for their support as we all work together to remove Guardian and minimize further damage to the reef," James said.

It's expected to take over a month to dismantle the Guardian, which ran aground before dawn on Jan. 17.

Crews have already removed 15,000 gallons (56,780 liters) of fuel from the ship. They've also taken off hundreds of gallons (liters) of lubricating oil and paint. They'll be removing human wastewater and other materials that could harm the environment, James said.

The U.S. Navy is hiring floating cranes to help with the removal. A contractor in Singapore is sending the cranes, which should arrive on site in a few days.

The Navy originally said the Guardian would be lifted by crane onto a barge and taken to a shipyard. But now the Navy says the ship is "beyond economical repair."

No one was injured when the ship ran aground at the reef in the Tubbataha National Marine Park. The park is a World Heritage Site in the Sulu Sea, about 400 miles (644 kilometers) southwest of Manila.

The Guardian was on its way to Indonesia after making a rest and refueling stop in Subic Bay, a former American naval base west of Manila.

Vice Adm. Scott Swift, the U.S. 7th Fleet Commander based in Yokosuka, Japan, has ordered an investigation into the grounding.

The incident damaged at least 1,000 square meters, or 1,200 square yards, of coral reef, according to an initial, conservative estimate by the Philippine coast guard.

Angelique Songco, park manager of Tubbataha Reef, the damage is the worst ever in the sanctuary since the park was established in 2001.

The Navy and the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, Harry K. Thomas, have apologized for the grounding and promised to cooperate with its close ally.

Philippine President Benigno Aguino III said last week that the U.S. Navy must explain how the ship got off course. He said the Navy would face fines for damaging the environment.

# 5 accused men plead not guilty in India gang rape

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—Five men pleaded not guilty Saturday after being formally indicted in a special court on 13 charges, including rape and murder, in the fatal gang rape of a woman in a New Delhi bus, a lawyer said.

The men signed statements in the fast-track court saying they were innocent of all charges, said one of the men's lawyers. The lawyer cannot be identified under a gag order imposed by the court.

The men were indicted on 13 counts, including rape, murder, destroying evidence

and kidnapping. The court will begin hearing the evidence of witnesses on Tuesday. If convicted, the five men, who are in their 20s and 30s, could face the death penalty.

A sixth suspect, who is 17, will be tried in a juvenile court and could face a maximum sentence of three years in a reform facility if convicted.

Police say the victim and a male friend were attacked after boarding a bus Dec. 16 as they tried to return home after watching a movie. The six men, the only occupants of the private bus, beat the man with a metal bar, raped the woman and used the bar to inflict massive internal injuries to her, police say. The victims were dumped naked on the roadside, and the woman died from her injuries two weeks later in a Singapore hospital.

The brutal attack set off nationwide protests, sparking a debate about the treatment of women in India and highlighting the inability of law enforcement agencies to protect

Also on Saturday, women's groups across the country slammed a decision by the government to bring changes in India's rape laws through an ordinance.

# **ASIAN BRIEFS**

### **Accidents kill dozens** in peak China travel season

**BEIJING** (AP)—More than 50 people have been killed on China's roads in four major accidents since Friday, as hundreds of millions of Chinese journey home for the upcoming Lunar New Year. Overloaded vehicles, bad driving habits and unsafe road conditions all have made China's roads particularly prone to accidents. In the southwestern province of Sichuan, a bus overturned Friday, killing 11 people, according to the Gulin county government. In the neighboring province of Guizhou, 13 people died after an overloaded bus tumbled down a 100-meter (330foot) slope, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Saturday. It said the fatal crash in Congjiang county left another 21 people injured, including 11 in serious

condition. The 34 people were crammed into the bus licensed to carry no more than 19, Xinhua said.

### **NKorea issues** guidelines on strengthening military

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)— North Korea says leader Kim Jong Un convened a high-level Workers' Party meeting where he issued "important" guidelines on how to bolster the army and protect the nation's sovereignty. North Korea said last month that it would conduct a nuclear test to protest international sanctions toughened over its long-range rocket launch in December. The official Korean Central News Agency said Sunday that Kim made a "historic" and "important concluding speech" at a meeting of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party. It said

the speech served as a guideline for strengthening the military and defending national security and sovereignty. KCNA did not say when the meeting took place.

### Strong quake hits northern Japan; no tsunami

TOKYO (AP)—A strong earthquake has struck Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, but authorities say there is no danger of a tsunami and there are no immediate reports of injuries or damage. Japan's Meteorological Agency says the quake had a magnitude of 6.4 and hit at 11:17 p.m. (1417 GMT) Saturday in the Tokachi region in southern Hokkaido, at a depth of 120 kilometer (75 miles). The agency says there is no danger of a tsunami from the quake. The U.S. Geological Survey says the quake's magnitude was 6.9.

# World

# **Turkey: Embassy bombers** cling to Cold War ideology

ISTANBUL (AP)-Long before al-Qaida, when the Cold War gripped the world, leftist terrorists staged spectacular attacks in a doomed campaign to overthrow governments and impose their vision of a socialist utopia. The bulk of these extremist groups eventually drifted into oblivion, gutted by police pressure, internal rifts and an ideology undercut by communism's fall.

In Turkey, one cult-like group didn't get the memo.

Decades on, a band of outlaws wedded to this antique brand of militancy has been blamed for a suicide bombing at the U.S. Embassy in Ankara that also killed a Turkish guard and seriously wounded a television journalist, the latest in a grim sequence of bombings and assassinations that failed, over and over, to bring the triggermen closer to their revolutionary goals.

Some analysts have speculated that the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front, or DHKP-C, carried out Friday's attack in anger at NATO member Turkey's cooperation with Washington, the old "imperialist" nemesis of leftist radicals everywhere, in

The explosion at the U.S. Embassy in Turkey is the second deadly assault on a U.S. diplomatic post in the last five months. The bomber and a Turkish guard were killed in the blast. Embassy ANKARA, TURKEY Bombing takes place at 1:15 p.m. at Gate 2 Istanbul- Ankara TURKEY Embassy Detail SYRIA

Deadly suicide bomb at U.S. Embassy

Satellite map locates Ankara, Turkey site of a U.S. embassy explo-

efforts to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad. The consensus is that the group is a throwback,

deaf to historical shifts and political nuance, almost a novelty if it weren't so deadly.

# Syrian rebels advance near Aleppo airport

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Syrian rebels captured a strategic neighborhood near Aleppo's international airport on Saturday, putting opposition fighters in control of a key road that the regime has used to ferry supplies and reinforcements to soldiers fighting in the embattled northern city, activists said.

Elsewhere in the nation. fighting continued unabated, killing more than 60 people nationwide, according to activists.

Troops loyal to President Bashar Assad and rebels have been locked in a deadly stalemate in Aleppo, Syria's largest urban center and main commercial hub, since an opposition assault last summer. Seven months later, the rebels hold large parts of the city and its outskirts, including several army bases, but they have been unable to overcome the regime's far superior firepower.

The capturing of the Sheik Said neighborhood, southeast of Aleppo, is a significant blow to regime forces because the area includes a major road, linking the northern city with the airport. The army has used the road to supply troops.

The Britain-based Syr-

ian Observatory for Human Rights said rebels captured the area Saturday after several days of fierce battles with Assad's troops. Rebels have previously established enclaves outside Syria's major cities to threaten the regime, including near the capital, Damascus, but they were later attacked by Assad's fighter jets and artillery.

In an effort to reverse rebels' advance in Aleppo, regime's war planes carried out several airstrikes on the Sheik Said, the Observatory said. There were no reports of casualties from the bombing

# Video of police abuse stokes anger in Egypt

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's Interior Minister vowed Saturday to investigate the beating of a naked man by riot police that threatened to further inflame popular anger against security forces, but suggested that initial results absolve the police of direct abuse.

The beating was caught on camera by The Associated Press and the video was broadcast live on Egyptian television late Friday as protests raged in the streets outside the presidential palace. The AP video showed police trying to bundle the naked man into a police van after beating him.

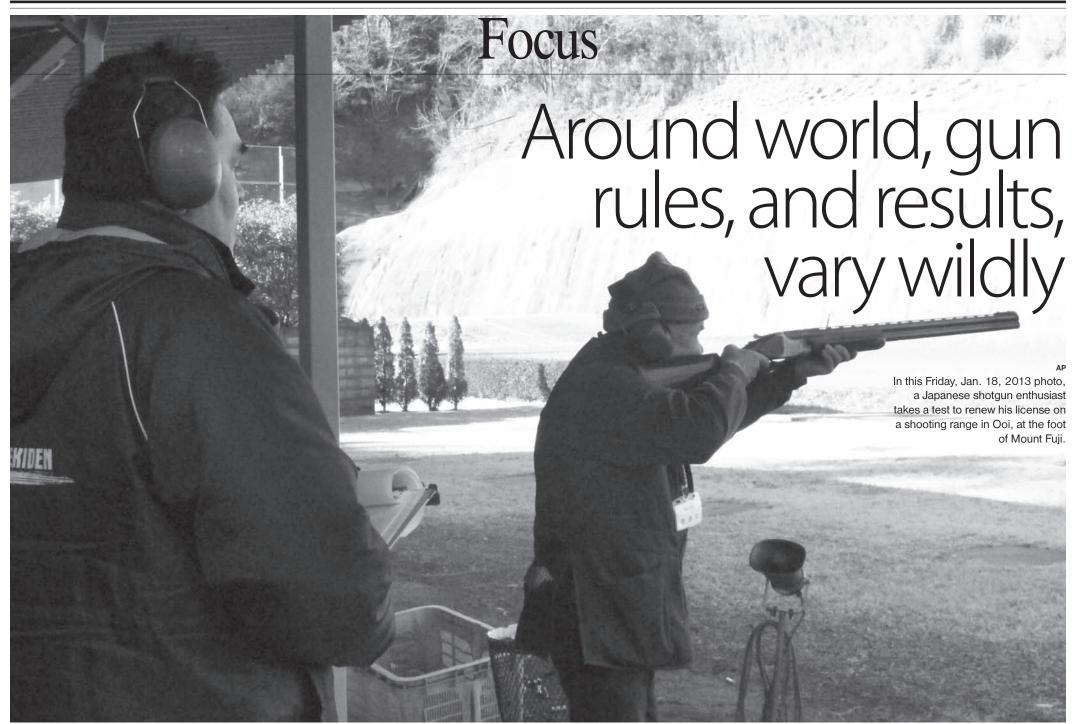
Less than 24 hours after the incident, several thousand antigovernment demonstrators marched again on the palace Saturday denouncing the police and Islamist President Mohammed Morsi after a week of violent protests that claimed more than 60 lives nationwide.

Speaking to reporters after Friday's assault, Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim said that initial results from the public prosecutor's investigation show that 48-year-old Hamada Saber was undressed by "rioters" during skirmishes between police and protesters. He was then hit in the foot by a bird shot, the interior minister said, stopping short of saying if the injury was a result of police firing into the crowds.

"The central security forces then found him lying on the ground and tried to put him in an armored vehicle, though the way in which they did that was excessive," said Ibrahim.

In the AP footage from Friday, at least seven black-clad riot police beat Saber, whose pants are down around his ankles, with sticks before dragging him along the muddy pavement and tossing him into a police van.

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OI, Japan (AP)—After a tragedy like the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the statistic is always trotted out. Compared to just about anywhere else with a stable, developed government—and many countries without even that—the more than 11,000 gunrelated killings each year in the United States are simply off the charts.

To be sure, there are nations that are worse. But others see fewer gun homicide deaths in one year than the 27 people killed Dec. 14 in Newtown, Connecticut.

As Americans debate gun laws, people on both sides point to the experiences of other countries to support their arguments. Here's a look at two success stories—with two very different ways of thinking about gun ownership—and one cautionary tale.

# JAPAN-THE NANNY STATE

Gunfire rings through the hills at a shooting range at the foot of Mount Fuji. There are few other places in Japan where you'll hear it.

In this country, guns are few and far between. And so is gun violence. Guns were used in only seven murders in Japan—a nation of about 130 million—in all of 2011, the most recent year for official statistics. According to police, more people—nine—were murdered with scissors.

Though its gun ownership rates are tiny compared to the United States, Japan has more than 120,000 registered gun owners and more than 400,000 registered firearms. So why is there so little gun violence?

"We have a very different way of looking at guns in Japan than people in

the United States," said Tsutomu Uchida, who runs the Kanagawa Ohi Shooting Range, an Olympic-style training center for rifle enthusiasts. "In the U.S., people believe they have a right to own a gun. In Japan, we don't have that right. So our point of departure is completely different."

Treating gun ownership as a privilege and not a right leads to some important policy differences.

First, anyone who wants to get a gun must demonstrate a valid reason why they should be allowed to do so. Under longstanding Japanese policy, there is no good reason why any civilian should have a handgun, so—aside from a few dozen accomplished competitive shooters—they are completely banned.

Virtually all handgun-related crime is attributable to gangsters, who obtain them on the black market. But such crime is extremely rare and when it does occur, police crack down hard on whatever gang is involved, so even gangsters see it as a last-ditch option.

Rifle ownership is allowed for the general public, but tightly controlled.

Applicants first must go to their local police station and declare their intent. After a lecture and a written test comes range training, then a background check. Police likely will even talk to the applicant's neighbors to see if he or she is known to have a temper, financial troubles or an unstable household. A doctor must sign a form saying the applicant has not been institutionalized and is not epileptic, depressed, schizophrenic, alcoholic or addicted to drugs.

Gun owners must tell the police where in the home the gun will be stored. It must be kept under lock and key, must be kept separate from ammunition, and preferably chained down. It's legal to transport a gun in the trunk of a car to get to one of the country's few shooting ranges, but if the driver steps away from the vehicle and gets caught, that's a violation.

Uchida said Japan's gun laws are frustrating, overly complicated and can seem capricious.

"It would be great if we had an organization like the National Rifle Association to stand up for us," he said, though he acknowledged that there is no significant movement in Japan to ease gun restrictions.

Even so, dedicated shooters like Uchida say they do not want the kind of freedoms Americans have and do not think Japan's system would work in the United States, citing the tendency for Japanese to defer to authority and place a very high premium on an ordered, low-crime society.

"We have our way of doing things, and Americans have theirs," said Yasuharu Watabe, 67, who has owned a gun for 40 years. "But there need to be regulations. Put a gun in the wrong hands, and it's a weapon."

# SWITZERLAND—GUNS AND PEACE

Gun-rights advocates in the United States often cite Switzerland as an example of relatively liberal regulation going hand-in-hand with low gun crime.

The country's 8 million people own about 2.3 million firearms. But firearms were used in just 24 Swiss homicides in 2009, a rate of about 0.3 per 100,000 inhabitants. The U.S. rate that year was about 11 times higher.

Unlike in the United States, where guns are used in the majority of murders, in Switzerland only a quarter of murders involve firearms. The most high-profile case in recent years occurred when a disgruntled petitioner shot dead 14 people at a city council meeting in 2001.

Experts say Switzerland's low guncrime figures are influenced by the fact that most firearms are military rifles issued to men when they join the country's conscript army . Criminologist Martin Killias at the University of Zurich notes that as Switzerland cut the size of its army in recent decades, gun violence—particularly domestic killings and suicides—dropped too.

The key issue is how many people have access to a weapon, not the total number of weapons owned in a country, Killias said. "Switzerland's criminals, for example, aren't very well armed compared with street criminals in the United States."

Critics of gun ownership in Switzerland have pointed out that the country's rate of firearms suicide is higher than anywhere else in Europe. But efforts to tighten the law further and force conscripts to give their guns back after training have failed at the ballot box—most recently in a 2012 referendum.

Gun enthusiasts—many of whom are members of Switzerland's 3,000 gun clubs—argue that limiting the right to bear arms in the home of William Tell would destroy a cherished tradition and undermine the militia army's preparedness against possible invasion.

## **BRAZIL-BEYOND REPAIR?**

So how about a country that actually bans guns?

Since 2003, Brazil has come close to fitting that description. Only police, people in high-risk professions and those who can prove their lives are threatened are eligible to receive gun permits. Anyone caught carrying a weapon without a permit faces up to four years on prison.

But Brazil also tops the global list for gun murders.

According to a 2011 study by the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, 34,678 people were murdered by firearms in Brazil in 2008, compared to 34,147 in 2007. The numbers for both years represent a homicide-by-firearm rate of 18 per 100,000 inhabitants—more than five times higher than the U.S. rate.

Violence is so endemic in Brazil that few civilians would even consider trying to arm themselves for self-defense. Vast swaths of cities like Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro are slums dominated by powerful drug gangs, who are often better armed than the police. Brazilian officials admit guns flow easily over the nation's long, porous Amazon jungle border.

Still, Guaracy Mingardi, a crime and public safety expert and researcher at Brazil's top think tank, Fundacao Getulio Vargas, said the 2003 law helped make a dent in homicides by firearms in some areas.

According to the Sao Paulo State Public Safety Department, the homicide rate there was 28.29 per 100,000 in 2003 and dropped to 10.02 per 100,000 in 2011.

Brazil wants more powerful guns in the hands of police. This month, the army authorized law enforcement officers to carry heavy caliber weapons for personal use.

Ligia Rechenberg, coordinator of the Sou da Paz, or "I am for Peace," violence prevention group, thinks that could make things worse. She said police will buy weapons that "they don't know how to handle, and that puts them and the population at risk." 18 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

# Health & Fitness

# Sex to burn calories? Authors expose obesity myths

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE

Fact or fiction? Sex burns a lot of calories. Snacking or skipping breakfast is bad. School gym classes make a big difference in kids' weight.

All are myths or at least presumptions that may not be true, say researchers who reviewed the science behind some widely held obesity beliefs and found it lacking.

Their report in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine says dogma and fallacies



In this May 26, 2009 file photo, Betty Hale, center, instructs a physical education class at Eberhart Elementary School in Chicago.

# New rules aim to get rid of junk foods in schools

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Most candy, high-calorie drinks and greasy meals could soon be on a food blacklist in the nation's schools.

For the first time, the government is proposing broad new standards to make sure all foods sold in schools are more healthful.

Under the new rules the Agriculture Department proposed Friday, foods like fatty chips, snack cakes, nachos and mozzarella sticks would be taken out of lunch lines and vending machines. In their place would be foods like baked chips, trail mix, diet sodas, lower-calorie sports drinks and low-fat hamburgers.

The rules, required under a child nutrition law passed by Congress in 2010, are part of the government's effort to combat childhood obesity. While many schools already have improved their lunch menus and vending machine choices, others still are selling high-fat, high-calorie foods.

200 calories. Elementary and middle schools could sell only water, low-fat milk or 100 per-

Under the proposal, the Agriculture Department would set fat, calorie, sugar and sodium limits on almost all foods sold in schools. Current standards already regulate the nutritional content of school breakfasts and lunches that are subsidized by the federal government, but most lunchrooms also have "a la carte" lines that sell other foods. Food sold through vending machines and in other ways outside the lunchroom has never before been federally regulated.

"Parents and teachers work hard to instill healthy eating habits in our kids, and these efforts should be supported when kids walk through the schoolhouse door," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said.

Most snacks sold in school would have to have less than

In this Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007

file photo, a lettuce worker wash-

es romaine lettuce in Salinas,

agency's growing sophistication

at monitoring illnesses and find-

What jumped out at the re-

searchers was the role fruits and

vegetables played in food poi-

sonings, said Griffin, who heads

the CDC office that handles

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About 1 in 5 illnesses were

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200 calories. Elementary and middle schools could sell only water, low-fat milk or 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice. High schools could sell some sports drinks, diet sodas and iced teas, but the calories would be limited. Drinks would be limited to 12-ounce portions in middle schools and to 8-ounce portions in elementary schools.

The standards will cover vending machines, the "a la carte" lunch lines, snack bars and any other foods regularly sold around school. They would not apply to in-school fundraisers or bake sales, though states have the power to regulate them. The new guidelines also would not apply to after-school concessions at school games or theater events, goodies brought from home for classroom celebrations, or anything students bring for their own personal consumption.

# greens top food poisoning source

Study says leafy
NEW YORK (AP)—A big government study has fingered leafy
greens like lettuce and spinach as
the leading source of food poisoning, a perhaps uncomfortable
conclusion for health officials who
want us to eat our vegetables.

"Most meals are safe," said Dr. Patricia Griffin, a government researcher and one of the study's authors who said the finding shouldn't discourage people from eating produce. Experts repeated often-heard advice: Be sure to wash those foods or cook them thoroughly.

While more people may have gotten sick from plants, more died from contaminated poultry, the study also found. The results were released Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Each year roughly 1 in 6 Americans—or 48 million people- gets sick from food poisoning. That includes 128,000 hospitalization and 3,000 deaths, according to previous CDC estimates.

The new report is the most comprehensive CDC has produced on the sources of food poisoning, covering the years 1998 through 2008. It reflects the

to produce in general, when illnesses from other fruits and vegetables were added in.

It's been kind of a tough month for vegetables. A controversy erupted when Taco Bell started airing a TV ad for its variety 12-pack of tacos, with a voiceover saying that bringing a vegetable tray to a football party is "like punting on fourth-and-1." It said that people secretly hate guests who bring vegetables to parties.

The fast-food chain on Monday announced it was pulling the commercial after receiving complaints that it discouraged people from eating vegetables.

Without actually saying so, the CDC report suggests that the Food and Drug Administration should devote more staff time and other resources to inspection of fruits and vegetables, said Michael Doyle, director of the University of Georgia's Center for Food Safety.

Earlier this month, the FDA released a proposed new rule for produce safety that would set new hygiene standards for farm workers and for trying to reduce contact with animal waste and dirty water.

are detracting from real solutions to the nation's weight problems.

"The evidence is what matters," and many feel-good ideas repeated by well-meaning health experts just don't have it, said the lead author, David Allison, a biostatistician at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Independent researchers say the authors have some valid points. But many of the report's authors also have deep financial ties to food, beverage and weight-loss product makers—the disclosures take up half a page of fine print in the journal.

"It raises questions about what the purpose of this paper is" and whether it's aimed at promoting drugs, meal replacement products and bariatric surgery as solutions, said Marion Nestle, a New York University professor of nutrition and food studies.

"The big issues in weight loss are how you change the food environment in order for people to make healthy choices," such as limits on soda sizes and marketing junk food to children, she said. Some of the myths they cite are "straw men" issues, she said.

But some are pretty interesting.

Sex, for instance. Not that people do it to try to lose weight, but claims that it burns 100 to 300 calories are common, Allison said. Yet the only study that scientifically measured the energy output found that sex lasted six minutes on average—"disappointing, isn't it?"—and burned a mere 21 calories, about as much as walking, he said.

That's for a man. The study was done in 1984 and didn't measure the women's experience

Among the other myths or assumptions the authors cite, based on their review of the most rigorous studies on each topic:

- Small changes in diet or exercise lead to large, long-term weight changes. Fact: The body adapts to changes, so small steps to cut calories don't have the same effect over time, studies suggest. At least one outside expert agrees with the authors that the "small changes" concept is based on an "oversimplified" 3,500-calorie rule, that adding or cutting that many calories alters weight by one pound.
- School gym classes have a big impact on kids' weight.

Fact: Classes typically are not long, often or intense enough to make much difference.

- Losing a lot of weight quickly is worse than losing a little slowly over the long term. Fact: Although many dieters regain weight, those who lose a lot to start with often end up at a lower weight than people who drop more modest amounts.
- Snacking leads to weight gain. Fact: No high quality studies support that, the authors say.
- Regularly eating breakfast helps prevent obesity. Fact: Two studies found no effect on weight and one suggested that the effect depended on whether people were used to skipping breakfast or not.
- Setting overly ambitious goals leads to frustration and less weight loss. Fact: Some studies suggest people do better with high goals.

Some things may not have the strongest evidence for preventing obesity but are good for other reasons, such as breastfeeding and eating plenty of fruits and vegetables, the authors write. And exercise helps prevent a host of health problems regardless of whether it helps a person shed weight.



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# Life & Style

# Engagement, Grammy nods makes Clarkson 'Stronger'

NEW YORK (AP)—Kelly Clarkson says she's extremely happy she's nominated for three Grammy Awards, but there's something else the pop singer is more thrilled about: her recent engagement.

"I couldn't even find someone to go on a date with that I enjoyed their company. Like, it was just rough," she said in a recent interview.

"You don't see it coming. And it sounds cheesy and it sounds like a movie, but it is that though. One day you'll meet them and everything will change."

Clarkson, who calls Nashville, Tenn., her home, is celebrating her one-year anniversary with fiance Brandon Blackstock. (The couple, who have been dating for a year, became engaged in December.) The 30-year-old says she's still surprised she's become that "cheesy" girl and that she wasn't sure she would find true love.

"I always made fun of those people that were like, 'Oh, I met the one. He's amazing,' and



In this Dec. 16, 2012 file photo, Kelly Clarkson performs at VH1 Divas at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

I'm like, 'Oh my god, go write a song,'" said Clarkson, the first "American Idol," laughing. "He's like my best friend, and he's someone I want to hang out with all the time."

Blackstock, who manages country star Blake Shelton, will be by Clarkson's side when she attends the Grammys, to be presented Feb. 10 in Los Angeles. Her No. 1 hit, "Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)," is nominated for record of the year and best pop solo performance.

"I knew from the moment I heard it that it was going to be huge," she said of her feelgood anthem, which is also up for song of the year (awarded to the writers of the song, which doesn't include Clarkson). "I've heard everything from 'I got out of an abusive relationship' to 'I'm surviving cancer' ... and I think everyone in the world needs that type of song—something that makes you feel empowered."

Her fifth album, "Stronger," is nominated for best pop vocal album. She said she's starting to record her next album and the sound could be a reflection of her relationship with Blackstock.

"I am totally writing cheesy songs," she said. "Maybe he'll piss me off and I'll write a record about that."

She's also busy planning her

"I don't understand why we aren't eloping," she said. "It's a lot of details and I'm not that girl. I've never been that girl that's like, 'Oh my god, my wedding dress. Blah, blah,

# Jude Law, Channing Tatum share Super Bowl plans



Channing Tatum attends the premiere of "Side Effects" hosted by the Cinema Society and Open Road Films on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013 in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—British actor Jude Law says he'll be taking part in a time-honored American tradition this weekend: Super Bowl Sunday, when the Baltimore Ravens face off against the San Francisco 49ers meet in the American football championships.

"I follow most sports, so of course I'm aware of it and I'll probably watch it, but I live in London and so I don't follow it that closely. It's more than just a game here, though, right? It's like have a party. Have a dip. Drink some beer," said Law.

Law's "Side Effects" costar, Channing Tatum, said he'd teach him all about Americans football traditions. He said he was heading to his New Orleans bar, Saints and Sinners for the weekend and was hoping for a good game.

The actors joined their castmates, including Catherine Zeta-Jones and Rooney Mara, at the New York premiere of their psychological thriller "Side Effects" on Thursday. The film opens in U.S. theaters next Friday.

Turns out Law and Tatum have more in common than Steven Soderbergh's latest film: They've both been named People's Sexiest Man Alive.

"Yeah, there's a complete handshake and like a password and whatnot. I can't tell you any of those. I know what your next question is. It's not gonna happen. They come and kill you-all of them. All of them together come and actually murder you. Yeah, everybody. They come and take you in the night and you disappear if you explain any of those secrets," joked Tatum, the current title holder.

# Lil Wayne has yet to watch Nicki Minaj on 'Idol'

METARIE, Louisiana (AP)— "American Idol" picked Nicki Minaj as a judge to draw in viewers, but she's actually dis-

couraged at least one person from watching it—her mentor, Lil Wayne.

The rap star admitted Friday that he has yet to see "Idol" this season—or any other season.

"Actually, I've never watched it," he said, a bit

Part of the reason he hasn't tuned in to see Minaj is because

she didn't exactly sell the show to Lil Wayne.

"When I talk to her she's always tells me, 'You don't wan-

na watch that, you're not going to be into it," he said

"She knows me. ... It's kind of like a catfight where they be going back and forth type of thing, I'm not into all that," he said of the judging panel,

which includes Mariah Carey, with whom Minaj had a muchpublicized argument.

"The talent on that is pretty

good I heard, though," he said. Lil Wayne spoke Friday af-

ter signing autographs for more than 100 fans who were at a suburban New Orleans Macy's to support his Trukfit clothing line; a couple of hundred more waited outside for a glimpse of

Wayne said he's hoping to soon make Trukfit for women and children. Now, it's just a men's line. Part of the problem is finding the right designer.

"They send everything, every design to me, and I approve or decline, and the designer is extremely OK (with that). ...

That person may have designed something, and I may say I hate it. I get no flack about it, and women are different," he said, laughing. "So we're trying to find the perfect female designer who has no problem with me declining what I don't like."

Lil Wayne, of course, still has his day job: His new album, "I Am Not A Human Being II," is due out March 26. When asked what fans could expect, he said, laughing: "Never have expectations for me, like never, because I probably will not meet your expectations. ... Just enjoy what you get, hopefully."

# Washington wins 3 trophies at NAACP Image Awards

Washington

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kerry Washington was a triple threat at the NAACP Image Awards.

The star of ABC's "Scandal" picked up a trio of trophies at the 44th annual ceremony: outstanding actress in a drama series for "Scandal," supporting actress in a motion picture for "Django Unchained" and the President's Award, which is given in recognition of special achievement and exceptional public service.

"This award does not belong to me," said Washington, who plays a slave separated from her husband in "Django Unchained," as she picked up her first trophy of the evening for her role in the film directed by Quentin Tarantino. "It belongs to our ancestors. We shot this film on a slave plantation, and they were with us along every step of the way."

Washington, who plays crisis management consultant Olivia Pope on "Scandal," serves on President Barack Obama's Committee on the Arts and the was honored as outstanding Humanities.

Don Cheadle was awarded the outstanding actor in a comedy series trophy for his role as a slick management consultant in Showtime's "House of Lies."

"This doesn't belong just to me, but I am taking it home tonight," joked Cheadle.

A few winners weren't present at the Shrine Auditorium to pick up their trophies, including Denzel Washington for outstanding actor in a motion picture for "Flight," Viola Davis for outstanding actress in a motion picture for "Won't Back Down" and Omar Epps for supporting actor in a drama series for Fox's "House."

"Red Tails," the drama about the Tuskegee Airmen, motion picture.

"Look! Quentin Tarantino," beamed "Red Tails" executive producer George Lucas as he accepted the award.

LL Cool J, who was honored as outstanding actor in a

drama series for CBS' "NCIS: Los Angeles," dedicated his trophy to fellow nominee Michael Clarke Duncan, "The Green Mile" and "The Finder" actor who died last year.

"I wish his family well," said LL. "Let's give it up for him."

Gladys Knight sang during the in memoriam segment, but the beginning of her performance wasn't heard on the live NBC broadcast because of a technical glitch.

Sidney Poitier presented Harry Belafonte with the Spingarn Award, which honors outstanding achievement by an African American. His honor was followed by a serenade from Wyclef Jean and Common.

Other winners at the ceremony hosted by talk show host Steve Harvey included Loretta Devine as supporting actress in a drama series for "Grey's Anatomy," Cassi Davis as outstanding actress in a comedy series and Lance Gross as outstanding supporting actor in a comedy series for TBS' "Tyler Perry's House of Payne."

The Image Awards are presented annually by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the group's members select the winners.

# **UK:** No charges for Australian royal hoax DJs

LONDON (AP)—British prosecutors said Friday they will not press charges against two Australian DJs over the royal hoax call that preceded a nurse's suicide.

Two Australian DJs impersonated Queen Elizabeth II and her son, Prince Charles, as they phoned London's King Edward VII hospital in December to ask about the condition of the Duchess of Cambridge, formerly Kate Middleton, who had been hospitalized for treatment of acute morning sickness stemming from her pregnancy.

Nurse Jacintha Saldanha, who put the call through to a colleague who in turn described the details of Kate's condition, was found hanged in her room three days after the prank was broadcast across the world.

Prosecutors on Friday said there was no evidence to support a charge of manslaughter, and despite "some evidence" to warrant further investigation of offenses under Britain's Data Protection Act and Malicious Communications Act, any potential prosecution would not be in the public interest.

Prosecution The Crown Service said that decision was taken because it isn't possible to extradite from Australia for those potential offenses, and because "however misguided, the telephone call was intended as a harmless prank."

DJs Michael Christian and Mel Greig —apologized after Saldanha's death in emotional interviews on Australian television, saying they never expected their call would be put through.

The radio show behind the call, the "Hot 30" program, was taken off air following Saldanha's death and later canceled.

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# Sylvester Stallone supports assault weapon ban

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. that despite his "Rambo" im-

(AP)—Sylvester Stallone says age and new shoot-em-up film

# Amy Adams: 'I'm very relaxed this year'



Amy Adams attends the Cinema Vanguard Award ceremony at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Amy Adams is nominated for a best-supporting-actress Oscar for playing Philip Seymour Hoffman's ferocious wife in The Master.

"I have a 2½-year old. I am used to waking up early. I'm letting my man sleep in. We're watching Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, I'm having coffee," says Adams, at home with her toddler, Aviana. "I'm excited. It's a little crazy and wonderful. I did not expect it in any way, shape or form. It's one of those nice surprises."

Her movie didn't get nominated, but her co-stars Hoffman and Joaquin Phoenix did. And this is Adams' fourth nomination. She was previously up for 2010's The Fighter, 2008's Doubt and 2005's Junebug.

"It's unreal. Each one has

been—the first one was so crazy—each one has had its own set of circumstances. I'm very relaxed this year about it all. I'm just so proud to be in this film. That was my victory. It's validating. I'm so happy to be going,' says Adams.

She's more laid-back because her home life is so settled. "You wake up and she's not that impressed. (My daughter) likes the dresses. But aside from that? I'm pretty content in life right now. That's part of it. It's not that I'm not excited. I just recognize that my priorities are in order," says Adams.

Her day is equally calm and ordinary. "Be a mom. And go work out. And then we have Critics' Choice tonight. But now I'm being a mom, yeah," says Adams. (USA Today)

"Bullet to the Head," he's in favor of new national gun control legislation.

Stallone supported the 1994 "Brady bill" that included a now-expired ban on assault weapons, and Stallone hopes that ban can be reinstated.

"I know people get (upset) and go, 'They're going to take away the assault weapon.' Who ... needs an assault weapon? Like really, unless you're carrying out an assault. ... You can't hunt with it. ... Who's going to attack your house, a (expletive) army?"

The 66-year-old actor, writer and director said he also hopes for an additional focus on mental health to prevent future mass shootings.

"It's unbelievably horrible, what's happened. I think the biggest problem, seriously, is not so much guns. It's that every one of these people that have

done these things in the past 30 years are friggin' crazy. Really crazy! And that's where we've dropped the ball: mental health," he said. "That to me is our biggest problem in the future, is insanity coupled with isolation."

Stallone is now in production on his next project, pairing up with the former "Raging Bull" Robert De Niro for "Grudge Match," about two aging boxers.

"People think it's going to be some geezer brawl. Really? OK, they're in for a surprise. I'm telling you. I've been working on the fight, the choreography. He's taking it deadly serious. Because no one wants to be shown up," Stallone said of De Niro. "It's going to be like a 'Rocky' fight. This will be 'Rocky 7,' with me fightingwith Rocky fighting the 'Raging Bull."

# Frank Ocean says 'no charges' against Chris Brown

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Frank Ocean says he won't pursue criminal charges against Chris Brown, who is alleged to have punched Ocean in a recent fight.

"As a child I thought if someone jumped me it would result in me murdering or mutilating a man," the R&B star wrote on his Tumblr page Saturday. "But as a man I am not a killer. I'm an artist and a modern person. I'll choose sanity. No criminal charges. No civil lawsuit."

Brown remained under investigation for his role in a fight outside a West Hollywood recording studio on Jan. 27, Los Angeles County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

Witnesses told deputies that Brown punched Ocean during an argument over a parking space. Ocean later tweeted that he "got jumped by Chris and a couple guys" and suffered a finger cut.

Brown has not commented on the allegation.

Whitmore said Ocean had said he "desired prosecution." He said the investigation was continuing because Ocean has not told authorities that he's had a change of heart.

"It's ongoing until an official statement is made to us," Whitmore said.

Brown, 23, remains on probation for attacking Rihanna on the eve of the 2009 Grammy Awards and is due back in court on Feb. 6 to update a judge on his progress.

Ocean is scheduled to perform at the Grammys on Feb. 10, where he's up for six awards including album of the year.

# Military mom must rally all of her family to move

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: We're a military family and have moved often since my husband and I married. In the past, relocating was always easy because our two sons were younger, but we have lived in the same community for more than five years now. Our older son is 14 and a freshman in high school.

My husband has reached a point in his career where he can either retire from the military



or re-enlist to finish out his 30 years. Either way, it will probably require another move. Our 11-year-old son is a free spirit who seems to adjust wherever we are. The problem is, our teenager is begging us not to move because of the friends he has in school.

I'm torn. I understand my son's reasons, and people who had to move as teens agree it's difficult when they're in high school. We live in a very small town, and I'm sure the move will take us to a larger area. I know my son will see he'll have more to do and will make a lot more friends. But he doesn't want to leave and is becoming very emotional about it.

My husband is willing to leave without us, get settled and let our son finish high school here. I don't want to separate the family. Can you help us?

NOT "AT EASE" IN GEORGIA

DEAR NOT AT EASE: Do not separate your family. If this were your son's last year of high school, I might feel differently. However, there is still plenty of time for him to make new friends at a new high school. Because he doesn't want to lose his old ones, he can stay in touch with them electronically.

What your son is experiencing is one of the realities of military life, and it may teach him to become more adept at social relationships. So think positive and do not let his fear of change hold you back.

DEAR ABBY: I have a pet peeve and it's an aggravation I encounter frequently. For some reason, people do not understand hours of business. Our hours are always clearly posted, so PLEASE don't knock on the door before the business is open.

My personal irritant has to do with closing time. When the sign says we close at 9 p.m., it means the doors lock at that time. It does NOT mean that if you can slide in the door 30 seconds before closing that we must stay and serve your needs for however long you are present.

If you can't complete your business at or before closing time, then come back tomorrow or find a business that stays open later. There are still a lot of duties to be finished after the last customer leaves and before we can go home.

HAD A LONG DAY, RICHLAND, WASH.

DEAR HAD A LONG DAY: Not only was it a long day, it appears to have been a bad one. If it wasn't, you wouldn't have forgotten that the most important thing in running a business is customer service. This sometimes can mean bending the rules.

If you find this too difficult, you can always refuse to open your door early and "remind" anyone who enters just before closing that you lock your door promptly at the posted hour for the reason you stated. Individuals who want more personalized service are, indeed, free to shop at stores with more flexible hours. (And they will.)

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# 'NCIS' renewed for next year as Mark Harmon re-ups

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Fans of "NCIS" can breathe easy. Mark Harmon will be sticking around, and his hit drama is returning next season. CBS announced Harmon's one-year contract extension on Friday along with the renewal of a show that just keeps getting bigger. Now in its 10th season, "NCIS" for the first time ranks as TV's mostwatched program, CBS said, outpacing even NBC's "Sunday Night Football." "NCIS" logs an average 21.5 million viewers each week, up 7 percent over last year. Harmon stars as Special Agent Jethro Gibbs, who heads up a team that investigates crimes involving U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel. The cast also includes Michael Weatherly, Pauley Perrette, Rocky Carroll and David McCallum. "NCIS"

premiered in 2003.

# **Indian film star faces** homicide charge

MUMBAI, India (AP)—An attorney says Indian movie star Salman Khan will be tried for homicide for his alleged involvement in a fatal road accident more than 10 years ago. If convicted he faces up to 10 years in jail. Deepesh Mehta, Khan's lawyer, says a magistrate on Thursday accepted an appeal by state government prosecutors that he should be charged with homicide instead of causing death by negligence, which carries a maximum of two years in jail. One man was killed and another three were injured when Khan allegedly rammed his car into a group of homeless people sleeping on a Bombay sidewalk in September 2002. Khan's trial begins March 11. Indian courts are notorious for delays and a trial can take years to complete.

## 'Girls,' 'Sugar Man' earn **Directors Guild honors**

LOS ANGELES (AP)— "Girls" star Lena Dunham has won the TV comedy directing prize from the Directors Guild of America, while the musical portrait "Searching for Sugar Man" earned the documentary award. Dunham won Saturday for directing the pilot of the show, which focuses on the lives of a group of girls in their 20s. "It is such an unbelievable honor to be in the company of the people in this room, who have made me want to do this with my life," Dunham said. Malik Bendjelloul won the documentary award for "Sugar Man," his study of the fate of critically acclaimed but obscure 1970s singer-songwriter Rodriquez. The film also is nominated for best documentary at the Feb. 24 Academy Awards.

### **Imprisoned Pussy Riot** member hospitalized MOSCOW (AP)—A jailed

member of the Pussy Riot feminist punk band has been hospitalized for a full medical check-up after complaining of headaches and suffering from overwork at a prison colony known for its tough conditions, her lawyer and a fellow band member said Friday. Nadezhda Tolokonnikova has suffered from headaches since last spring and her condition has worsened since October when she was sent to a prison colony to serve her two-year sentence for the band's irreverent protest against President Vladimir Putin in Moscow's main cathedral, her lawyer Irina Khrunova said. She sent a request to prison authorities in December to admit Tolokonnikova in order to perform a detailed medical check, and she was hospitalized on Jan. 24, the lawyer said.

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# **Pastimes**

# Calvin and Hobbes

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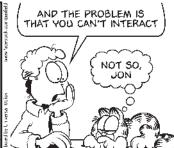






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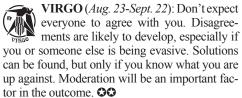
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Treat partnerships with respect. Question anyone

putting pressure on you. Avoid mixing business with pleasure. You can offer help, but don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness or generosity. Self-improvement projects based on past success will be beneficial.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Refuse to let things bother you. Anger will not make matters better. You must focus on work and doing and being your very best. Dig deep and you will discover information that will help you find the best solution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Ponder any decisions you have to make. Time is on your side, and impulsive behavior will only make you veer off course. Take a creative approach when dealing with peers, friends or relatives who may be adverse to your direction. OOO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A little inspiration will go a long way. You need to lighten up and enjoy life more. Forget about your responsibilities for a moment and enjoy exploring new people, places and activities. Love is on the rise. **20000** 



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Open-mindedness coupled with charm, knowledge and a peaceful approach will lead to success. Travel plans can be made that will raise your awareness, inspire you or improve your appearance. OOOO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be prepared to jump from one thing to another if it will keep you out of trouble and help you accomplish what needs to be done. Your dedication and loyalty will play a role in the outcome of a sticky situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Clarity may be lacking when dealing with friends or your peers. If there is something you don't understand, ask. Respond as precisely as possible so you aren't blamed for giving out false information. Someone from your past will make an offer. ���

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Cautious, quiet pursuit of your goals will ensure that you avoid interference from someone who is likely to cause trouble. Concentrate on precision, preparation and making sure you have taken care of any errors that could affect your reputation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.18): Stick ) close to home and avoid individuals likely to give you a hard time. Dealing with financial matters, medical issues and authority figures will be difficult. Fixing up your surroundings or enjoying the comfort of your home will help ease stress. 🛇

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Getting involved in someone's private affairs will backfire. Put more time and effort into your creative goals and you will find a way to translate what you know and do best into a greater earning potential. Avoid overspending. **Birthday Baby**: You are a persistent adventurer. You seek wisdom, knowledge and clarity.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

2/04

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Difficulty Level \*

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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### By DAVID WONDERWORD OUELLET

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Qualifications:

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Qualifications:

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Qualifications:

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Qualifications

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POSITION: Landscaper/Pool Attendant

OPEN DATE: CLOSE DATE: January 30, 2013 February 8, 2013

Qualifications:

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in landscaping and Minimum two years experience handling chemicals preferred.

OPEN DATE: CLOSE DATE: January 30, 2013 February 8, 2013 Kids College Attendant Minimum Wage POSITION:

High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in a cashier type occupation preferred. Must enjoy and be comfortable interacting with young children. Cheerful and outgoing personality highly preferred.

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Minimum Wage CLOSE DATE: February 8, 2013

Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in a cashier type occupation preferred. Minimum two years

experience in a cashier type occupation preferred. Must have strong accounting and money handling skills.

OPEN DATE: CLOSE DATE: January 30, 2013 February 8, 2013 POSITION: Accountant/Supervisor

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in accounting strongly preferred. Minimum two years experience as a supervisory level employee in the field of accounting or business operations highly preferred. A certified public accountant qualifica-

For more information, please contact Human Resources Office at (670) 234-5900 ext. 576/266.

Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be received by the Security Office



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Building Maintenance (1) - with experience & knowledge on electrical and carpentry work. Send resume to K. Young Corporation. P.O. Box 503275, Tel. 233-9876.

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1-Accountant Bookkeeper/Computer Operator-\$5.55 w/ 6 yrs exp & knowledge in Acctng & Taxes. Japanese Foods import/export docs related. Mail resume to SPE Saipan Box 502696 Saipan MP 96950

### FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL

Chalan Kiya, 3 bdrm-2 bath duplex. Section 8 accepted. \$700 negotiable. No deposit Call Alex 285-7612

2 Bedroom Apartment for Rent. For \$200.00/month. Koblerville, please call 288-0728.

Fina Sisu Apt., 2-BR, 1-BTH, FF, AC, BU Genset/24-hr water, security, laundry room, free Wi-Fi & ample parking. Close to NMC campus. MIHA applicants accepted. \$450-\$550/mo. Pls. visit our website www.saipan-properties.com. Call for an appointment 235-6527/8 or 285-1317.

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# Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School

## Accountant/Business Manager (1) Minimum 5 years experience in Sev Adventist School;

- Minimum 5 years experience in a managerial
- Rachelor's degree in accounting;
- Must be a member in good standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;
- Knowledge in Quickbooks accounting software preferred;
- Minimum 2 years work experience in a Christian school;

### Elementary Teacher (1)

- Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education required;
- NAD denominational degree preferred; Must be qualified to teach elementary
- English: Must be a member in good standing of the
- Seventh-day Adventist Church: Must be willing to adhere to all school policies
- and procedures; Minimum 2 years teaching experience in a Christian school

# Pre-School Teachers (3)

- Bachelor's degree required; Two years of early childhood teaching
- experience required; Must be a member in good standing of the
- Seventh-day Adventist church:
- Must be willing to adhere to all school policies and procedures;
- Minimum 2 years teaching experience in a

### **Pre-School Assistant Teacher**

- Minimum 2 years of college required; Two years of early childhood classroom teaching experience required;
- Must be a member in good standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church:
- Must be willing to adhere to all school policies and procedures:

Send resumes to: Saipan SDA School Principal P.O. Box 501063 Saipan, MP 96950

# **LOST PASSPORTS**

Zhang Wen Jun: PP No. G35202439 Zhang Meng Xi: PP No. G36892955

Please contact 285-0989 if you have any information.

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- Warehouse Space & Equipment Rental/Sales
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Job Vacancy Announcement Closing Date: February 13, 2013

Administrative Assistant (1) - \$5.55/hour Keeps an accurate filing records of lease agreements,

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### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT SASAMO USA CORPORATION

### (1) TEACHER

Min. of 4 yrs experience, 4 yrs college degree, commanding of English and Korean, provide own transportation, flexible work hours.

Send resume to tnxod98@naver.com

# **CONSERVE**

# PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB SAIPAN

is inviting qualified, U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

### (3) TEPPENYAKI COOK

Minimum five (5) years work related experience; Must be able to work evenings/weekends/holidays.

### (1) POWERHOUSE OPERATOR

Minimum five (5) years related work experience; Certified Water treatment & Distribution operator preferred; Must be able to work evenings/weekends/holidays.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00PM on FEBRUARY 6, 2013. PIC applications are available at the PIC Security Desk by the Loading Dock/Employee Entrance. A copy of valid police clearance (less than 6 months old) must be attached to the application. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted or considered. PIC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc.

# (04) Hemodialysis Technician

- Certificate from a Junior college/Technical School in health care.
- Attended a hemodialysis-training program.
- Three year hemodialysis experienced-Preferred. Must be CCHT certified by the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission.
- English Language skills-Proficient in spoken, written and comprehension.
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.
- In-Service train with Baxter Phoenix Machine.
- Experience with Ameriwater Bicarbonate distribution system.
- Flexible with time schedule.

Interested applicants must submit resume or pick up applications at St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc., in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. For more information, please call Judy Arriola at (670)234-2903 ext. 124.



# **APARTMENT FOR RENT**

1 Bedroom - \$175.00 2 Bedroom - \$300.00 Semi -furnished

Chalan Kanoa – EBC APT. Please call 288-4916 / 285-7860

# **EWGE Corporation**

### Sales Clerk - 2 positions 5 years experience

- High school graduate or GED equivalent
   Neat in appearance and ability to communicate well with customers (excellent salesmanship qualities a must) self motivated - police and medical clearance required at interview
- flexible work hours
- clean background check ( no ior criminal convictions) must be reliable, honest and trustworthy
  the ability to run the entire operation
- within two weeks of starting excellent computer skills proficient in Word and Excel
- required to clean and mop the floor of the shop daily also clean exterior windows 18 years or older with transportation 5.55 per hr

For more information please call 235-6988

# KKUN USA CORP.

### (1) WEB DESIGNER Using PSD, AI, MAC program Design Web site and Editing. Min. of 2 yrs experience,provide own car

Send resume to sylviacnmi@gmail.com

# VACANCY

J.C. Tenorio Ent, Inc., is currently seeking for qualified candidates to fill the following position

J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, Inc. Human Resources Office

(NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE)

### Job Vacancy Announcement

### Marketing Representative / Delivery Man (2 positions) \$5.55/hour Qualification Requirements:

\*SOC ONet 41-4011.00 \*Must have a 2 college degree with at least 2 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a high school diploma with possessing minimum 5 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry \*Holding a valid CNMI driver's license \*Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours \*Good in basic business math with

# Marketing Assistant Manager (1 position) \$6.50/hour

\*SOC ONet 11-2021.00 \*Must have a 4-college degree with at least 4 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a 2-year college degree with at least 8 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry \*Holding a valid CNMI driver's license \*Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours \*Good in basic business math with honest personal characters

## Office Adm/Operations Manager (1 position) \$7.00/hour

Qualification Requirements:
\*SOC synthesized ONet 11-1021.00 & 11-3011.00\*Must have a 4-college degree with at least 4 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a high-school diploma with possessing minimum 10 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry \*Holding a valid CNMI driver's license \*Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours \*Good in basic business math with honest personal characters

# Purchasing Administrative Assistant (2 positions) \$6.50/hour

Qualification Requirements: \*SOC ONet 11-3061.00 \*Must have a 4-college degree with at least 2 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a 2-year college degree with at least 6 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry \*Well knowledge in Chinese merchandise and export government regulations and processing \*Fluent in Chinese speaking, listening, reading and writing \*Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours \*Willing to travel frequently \*Good in basic business math with honest personal

Interested applicants please submit a resume with supporting documents to APEX Corporation, Contact Person: Michael Zhang or Peter Xu, Fax number: (670) 288-3389 before 5:00 P.M., February 4, 2013. Thank you.

# PRADA

**Travel Retail Stores** DFS Galleria

Is looking for qualified applicants to fill the following positions:

# **SALES ASSOCIATE**

Qualified individual will report to the Store Manager and must possess the following:

1 year minimum luxury retail experience required Mandarin Chinese, Japanese and Korean language preferred Excellent Customer Service skills Ability to work flexible hours Commitment to complete required training programs

We offer attractive remuneration package to commensurate with qualifications and experience. For consideration, please apply in person or forward your detailed resume to:

High school graduate or GED equivalent

TRS SAIPAN PRADA Boutique DES Galleria, Beach Road Saipan, MP 96950 Tel 233-5009 • Fax 233-5009

Deadline for submission of application or resume is February 13, 2013.

Successful candidates must submit to Drug & Alcohol Test Police and Court Clearance required with submission of application. We arc an EEO Employer

# S P O R T S

# Lefty has fans rocking at Phoenix Open



DALE, Ariz. (AP)—Phil

Mickelson drew the loudest cheers from the biggest crowd in golf history Saturday at the Phoenix Open.

Mickelson nearly aced the par-3 16th, hitting a 9-iron to a foot to set up a birdie on the rowdy stadium hole packed with nearly 20,000 screaming

"What's funny about that is 172 yards is a very tough 9-iron for me to get there, but I immediately take 5 yards off and in my head I had 167," Mickelson said. "The reason me that momentum," Mickelson is you always have a little bit of adrenaline here, and the ball goes a little bit longer on 16.

"I played for a 167-yard shot and tried to hit just a comfortable or stock 9-iron, and the ball ended up flying that far and released to the hole. Having played this course and that hole over the years and knowing what your body does and how to adjust to it has helped me, and certainly it did today."

Estimated at 179,022, the third-round crowd broke the record of 173,210 set last year, also on a Saturday at fanfriendly TPC Scottsdale. The event has drawn 467,030 fans for the week and is in position to break the mark of 538,356 set in 2008.

Mickelson birdied the final four holes and five of the last six for a 7-under 64 and a six-stroke lead over Brandt Snedeker.

"I know how good Snedeker is and how hot he can get with a putter," Mickelson said. "He can make birdie from just about anywhere. He's going to make a run tomorrow. I, hopefully, will be able to keep pace."

The 42-year-old former Arizona State star has led after each round, opening with a 60 and shooting a 65 on Friday. He fell a stroke short of the tour record for the first 54 holes, and matched the tournament mark set by Mark Calcavecchia in 2001.

Making his 24th appearance in the event that he won in 1996 and 2005, Mickelson is trying to complete his third wire-to-wire victory and first since the 2006 BellSouth Classic - a 13-stroke blowout the week before the second of his three Masters victories.

"To me, the wire-to-wire isn't that important except for now I'm three rounds and the fourth one is kind of the more important one," Mickelson said.

"It would be an important thing because it's meant so much to me over my career having won this tournament, coming back as a past champion, and winning here in the town that has meant so much to me, to (wife) Amy and I, where we met, had our first two kids, went to college. It's a special place."

He's in position to match

S C O T T S - the tournament record of three victories set by Arnold Palmer and matched by Gene Littler and Calcavecchia. Mickelson won the last of his 40 PGA Tour titles 51 weeks ago at Pebble Beach.

The left-hander played the first 12 holes in 2 under, making a 20-foot birdie putt on the par-4 first and a 25-footer on the par-4 fifth. He got up and down from greenside bunkers for birdies on the par-5 13th and 15th holes, followed with the tap-in on 16, then chipped to 2 feet on the 337-yard 17th.

"My short game is what gave said. "The bunker shots I hit on 13 and 15 were really good as well as the chip on 17."

A day after making a double-bogey 6 on the 18th when he hit a 3-wood drive into the water on the left, Mickelson blasted driver over the water and hit close to the grandstand. He got a free drop, hit to 15 feet and holed the putt.

"I took a little different strategy after yesterday," Mickelson said.

Snedeker had a 65 to reach 18 under. He tied for second Monday at Torrey Pines, four strokes behind Tiger Woods in the fog-delayed event.

"Phil is playing pretty unbelievable," Snedeker said. "I will have to go at some pins and make some putts early and be more aggressive than I probably normally would be."

Padraig Harrington and Ryan Moore were tied for third at 16 under. Harrington, making his first appearance in the event, shot a 63, and Moore had a 65.

Harrington is winless on the PGA Tour since sweeping the British Open and PGA Championship in 2008, and hasn't won anywhere since the Asian Tour's 2010 Johor Open.

"I feel like I'm in a good place with the game," Harrington said.

On the 16th, the 41-year-old Irishman kicked footballsofficial Super Bowl models provided by Wilson, also his equipment manufacturer into the crowd. He kicked the first ball field-goal style, and then punted the rest as he made his way to the green.

"I did not want to screw up the first one along the ground, for sure," Harrington said. "I did want to get it airborne a little bit of distance. I found when I punted it, the first three or four, I hooked them quite a bit, and then the last one, I actually made sweet contact and kicked it over the stand, actually cleared the whole thing."

Drawing "Ole! Ole!" chants from the crowd, Harrington ran his 15-foot birdie putt 4 feet past and made the comebacker for par.

"The adrenaline is pumping over those last three, four holes," Harrington said. "Very exciting, indeed."

# Super Bowl of firsts, lasts, bests



wound through bounties and replacement refs, eventually bringing the big game back to the Big Easy—with a replacement quarterback, a sibling rivalry and a grand exit for one of the NFL's greatest players, clouded by the obscure healing powers of deer-antler spray.

It is a Super Bowl of comebacks, of firsts and lasts, andif San Francisco wins—the best.

A win over the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday gives the 49ers six championships, matching Pittsburgh's titles in the Super Bowl era. Unlike the Steelers, the Niners have never lost one.

Of course, they haven't won one in 18 years, either.

"There's a tradition with the San Francisco 49ers, but I think these guys are paving their own way," said Hall of Fame receiver and three-time champion Jerry Rice. "They're playing with a lot of swagger."

Or as owner Denise DeBartolo York said, "We've come full circle and the dynasty will prevail."

New Orleans has come full circle, too. Ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, losing a quarter of its population, abandoned by the Saints for an entire season, the city couldn't imagine hosting another Super Bowl. But as New Orleans recovered and rebuilt, it envisioned staging what Patriots owner Robert Kraft calls "the pre-eminent sport-

The NFL agreed it was time to return. And even if Commissioner Roger Goodell is despised here after slapping the Saints with suspensions and fines in the bounty scandal, the vibes from the French Quarter and Warehouse District this week have been supportive, even uplifting.

"It's also terrific for us to be back here in New Orleans," Goodell said, joking about voodoo dolls in his likeness. "Our 10th Super Bowl here, the first since Katrina, and it's clear this city is back bigger and better than ever."

There's the tale of the head coaching brothers, Baltimore's John and San Francisco's Jim, the first siblings to face off in a Super Bowl. And Ray Lewis, the pre-eminent linebacker of his generation on his selfproclaimed last ride. (His farewell party was somewhat sidetracked for two days this week when Lewis waved off a report that he tried to get unusual products like deer-antler spray to speed his recovery from an arm injury that sidelined him for 10 games.)

"There are so many storylines to this game that make it bigger than just the Super Bowl," 49ers



San Francisco 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh and Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh participate in a news conference for the NFL Super Bowl XLVII football game Friday, Feb. 1, 2013, in New Orleans.

CEO Jed York said.

Such as the Harbaughs plot about sons of a lifetime coach who took different paths to the top of the NFL.

John, older by 15 months, has made his career standing on the sideline with a headset. He's the only head coach to win playoff games in his first five seasons; his quarterback, Joe Flacco, has the same distinction as he heads into his first Super Bowl. Jim Harbaugh was a first-round draft pick and quarterbacked four teams in 14 pro seasons before going into coaching. He was an immediate success at San Diego—the Toreros in the college Pioneer League, not the Chargers in the NFL—and Stanford before the 49ers won a bidding war for him in 2011.

This week's family reunion has been light-hearted, though that figures to change Sunday.

"It's probably a little tougher emotionally," John Harbaugh said of facing his brother. "It's a little tougher just from the sense of I don't think you think about it when you're coaching against somebody else; it's more about the scheme and the strategy. There's a little bit of a relationship element that's more strong than maybe coaching against someone else.

"I'll have a better answer for you after the game. I've never been through this before. This is all new."

And oh-so-new for the QBs, Flacco and Colin Kaepernick.

Flacco is no fluke, holding the career record for road playoff wins with six. But until outplaying Peyton Manning and

Tom Brady this year, he hadn't gotten the Ravens to the Super Bowl. He has eight touchdown passes and no interceptions in the postseason, padding a resume that soon will make him one very highly paid quarterback: Flacco's contract expires after this game. Even with a franchise tag applied by Baltimore (13-6), he'll make about \$14.6 million next season.

"I think when you talk about winning as quarterbacks in the playoffs," Flacco said, "I would think that all of them have Super Bowl victories. So that's really the only one that matters, and that's what we're trying to get."

Naturally, so are the 49ers (13-4-1), whose midseason adoption of the pistol offense to best use Kaepernick's dynamic versatility added a dimension no one has been able to stop. The Niners might never have taken such a huge step had incumbent Alex Smith, in the midst of his best season, not sustained a concussion on Nov. 11. Kaepernick took over and the offense took off.

Once Smith was healthy, he no longer was the starter. Jim Harbaugh gambled by sticking with the raw second-year quarterback who brought more game-breaking skills to the po-

Difficult decisions like that

are sometimes foolhardy, sometimes inspired.

This one worked superbly, and Kaepernick stands one victory from joining Joe Montana and Steve Young as a 49er Super Bowl champion.

"It was tough watching this team do well and not being able to contribute," said Kaepernick, more recognized before his promotion for his collection of tattoos than for his strong arm and sprinter's speed. "For me, what kept me going was the fact that I might get an opportunity to get out there. When I did, I needed to take advantage of it."

The 49ers hope to take advantage in the same Superdome where they were at their most dominant, beating Denver 55-10 in 1990 in the biggest rout the Super Bowl has seen.

The Steelers are recognized as the true powerhouse of the Super Bowl era, which is nearly a half-century old. Four of those titles came in the 1970s, with Mean Joe Greene and the Steel Curtain shutting down opponents while Terry Bradshaw, Franco Harris and Lynn Swann were scoring on them.

But the last two were in 2005 and 2008, and they've been perennial playoff qualifiers, too. That kept them in the football forefront.

For the 49ers the golden years of Montana, Rice, Young and Ronnie Lott ended with the 1994 season. They didn't even make the playoffs from 2003-10, and this is their first trip back to the Super Bowl.

Rice sees Super Bowl win No. 6 coming Sunday.

"I just think we had players who played well in the big game," he said. "My best football that I played, I think, happened in the playoffs and in the Super Bowl. I think it's the same with these players."

None of whom, except for ally can top it."

center Jonathan Goodwin and linebacker Clark Haggans, has won a title. That's still one more ring than the Ravens have: Lewis is the sole NFL champion in Baltimore.

Lewis hungers for these teammates to taste their first title - and to do it in his last game.

"I've touched the Lombardi (Trophy), and I know how it feels," the perennial All-Pro said. "For these guys who've made this journey with me to feel that, it would be the perfect ending for my career."

Like Lewis, 49ers receiver Randy Moss also could be suiting up for the final time, although he hopes to play another year.

Grabbed off the scrap heap after his career spiraled into oblivion and no team would touch him in 2011, Moss didn't do much on the field (28 catches, 434 yards) this season. His loudest headlines came this week when he proclaimed himself the greatest receiver ever; maybe he's never seen Rice's numbers.

Teammates say Moss was very influential as a mentor and teacher.

"Randy's like my older brother," said Michael Crabtree, who emerged as a top receiver in his fourth pro season. "An older brother you would have that's been through a lot that you just can learn from just talking to him, watching him.

"He's a legend and I hope he'll be here next year."

Lewis won't be. He'll don the face paint, put on his No. 52 for the final time, and see if he can replicate the championship of a dozen years ago.

"You can never top the first one, because that's an unknown feeling," Lewis said before adding with a chuckle, eyes widening, "but a second one—that might be the only way you re-

# Parcells, Sapp, Carter among 7 Hall inductees



**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—Bill Parcells was a winner everywhere he coached.

Time and time again, he took over struggling franchises and showed them what it takes to be a success, including a pair of Super Bowl titles with the New York Giants.

Parcells pulled off another victory Saturday—election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Getting in on his fourth try, Parcells led an induction class that also included mouthy defensive lineman Warren Sapp, prolific receiver Cris Carter and a pair of stalwarts from the trenches, offensive linemen Jonathan Ogden and Larry Allen.

The class of 2013 also included a pair of senior selections, Curley Culp and Dave Robinson. The announcement

of Sunday's Super Bowl.

Almost as noteworthy were the finalists who didn't get in, including running back Jerome Bettis and owners Art Modell and Edward DeBartolo Jr. Players and coaches from the Baltimore Ravens, who will face the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl, spent all week lobbying for Modell, their former owner who died last year, to claim a place in the hall.

It didn't work out, no doubt pleasing fans in Cleveland who remain bitter about Modell moving the original Browns to Baltimore.

Parcells had to wait a while, earning a bust in Canton on his fourth try. He thought he might get in the previous year in tandem with one of his former players, Curtis Martin.

"It was a little less stressful

was made in New Orleans, site than last year," Parcells said coached three other teams and in a telephone interview from Florida. "I was kind of hoping we could do it together, but as fate would have it, it didn't

work out." Giants president and CEO John Mara said Parcells' selection for the hall was "long overdue," but his candidacy stirred plenty of debate— a one-hour discussion among the selection committee members, by far the longest amount of time dedicated to any finalist.

"He's one of the best coaches in NFL history," Mara said. "He turned our franchise around. We went through a long period in the 1960's and 70's when we were a laughingstock. When Bill took over in 1983, he survived a very difficult first year, but then turned us into a perennial playoff contender and won two Super Bowls for us. He everywhere he went, he had great success."

No one was more emotional than Carter, who took six years to get in despite putting up some of the best receiving numbers in NFL history. He broke down in tears but quickly pointed out "it's not because I'm sad."

"This is the happiest day of my life," he said. "When people said, 'Aw, you know, it really doesn't matter, you're a Hall of Famer in my eyes,' I said, 'It's more important that I'm a Hall of Famer in the Hall's eyes." And I really, really wanted this."

Sapp said his stomach was churning all day.

He doesn't have to fret anymore. Next stop, Canton.

"My feet haven't touched the ground in about 30 minutes," Sapp said. "This is unbelievable."

# Irving's 35 pace Cavaliers over Thunder

CLEVELAND (AP)— Kyrie Irving scored 35 points, including 13 in the final 2:52, and the Cleveland Cavaliers stunned the Oklahoma City Thunder 115-110 on Saturday.

One night after saying he was "disinterested" during a loss in Detroit, Irving was simply spectacular down the stretch. He single-handedly closed out one of the NBA's best teams, making his last five shots and showing why he's an All-Star at 20. Irving's biggest shot was a 3-pointer with 42 seconds left to make it 113-108.

Kevin Durant scored 32 points and Russell Westbrook had 28 for the Thunder, who came in 35-11 and with the league's best road record. Durant left briefly in the third quarter with an apparent back injury.

Marreese Speights scored 21 points, including eight straight in the fourth when Cleveland's reserves opened a lead.

## Spurs 96, Wizards 86

In San Antonio, Tim Duncan sprained his left knee and right ankle in the first half of the Spurs'

Tony Parker scored 19 points, Danny Green added 15 and Tiago Splitter had 12 for San Antonio (38-11), which has won 18 straight at home.

John Wall scored 21 points and Martell Webster had 14 for Washington (11-35), which has lost 13 straight to San Antonio.

Webster rolled into the back of Duncan's legs while fighting for a rebound with 3:54 left in the second quarter, and there were audible gasps in the crowd while the All-Star was on the floor holding his left knee for several minutes.

The severity of the injuries is not known, but Duncan did not return to the bench after being helped off the court by teammates Stephen Jackson and De-Juan Blair.

## Knicks 120. Kings 81

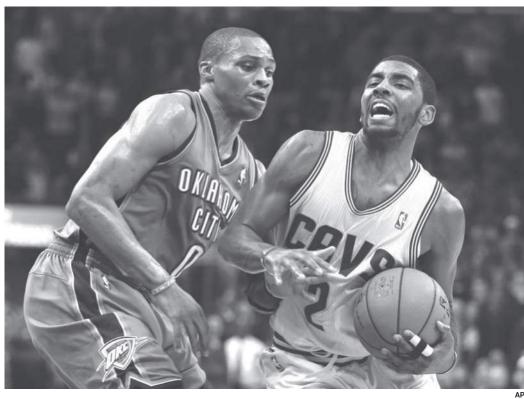
In New York, Amare Stoudemire was 10 for 10 from the field for 21 points, and the Knicks unleashed a 38-4 run on Sacramento in the first half and went on to their fourth straight victory.

The Knicks actually trailed by 10 when Stoudemire entered in the first quarter, then went on to challenge the franchise-record victory margin of 48 points.

It was an awesome display by New York in front of some special guests: 150 children, their families and teachers from Sandy Hook Elementary School. The Knicks didn't even need much from Carmelo Anthony, who tied a season low with nine points and had his run of 20-point games snapped at 31, the longest single-season streak in franchise history.

J.R. Smith scored 25 points and Steve Novak added 15 as the Knicks made 19 3-pointers.

DeMarcus Cousins had 25



Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyrie Irving, right, drives to the basket against Oklahoma City Thunder's Russell Westbrook (0) during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013, in Cleveland.

Kings.

### Rockets 109, **Bobcats 95**

In Houston, James Harden had 21 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists for his first career tripledouble, leading the Rockets to the victory.

rookie Michael Bobcats Kidd-Gilchrist was taken off the kept in Houston overnight.

points and nine rebounds for the court on a stretcher in the fourth quarter after teammate Jeff Taylor collided with him going for a rebound. Kidd-Gilchrist was fitted with a neck brace and taken to the hospital.

Coach Mike Dunlap said after the game that Kidd-Gilchrist was moving his extremities and talking as he left the floor. He did not know if Kidd-Gilchrist would be

Chandler Parsons and Patrick Patterson scored 24 points apiece for the Rockets.

Kemba Walker scored 24 points and Ramon Sessions had 20 points for Charlotte.

The Rockets scored 28 fastbreak points and shot 51 percent (42 of 82) from the field.

# Bulls 93, Hawks 76

In Atlanta, Luol Deng had 25

short-handed Bulls used their stifling defense to shut down the Hawks.

Playing without injured starters Kirk Hinrich, Joakim Noah and Carlos Boozer, Chicago dominated near the basket and got a lift from the frenetic play of Nate Robinson. The Bulls used only eight players for the second straight night, but it was more than enough for an impressive road win.

Taj Gibson had 19 points and a career-high 19 rebounds. Jimmy Butler added another double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Robinson scored 20 points.

Josh Smith led Atlanta with 19 points and 13 rebounds but he scored only three points in the second half. Jeff Teague had 16 points, and Al Horford collected 14 points and 12 rebounds.

## Trail Blazers 105, **Jazz 99**

In Portland, Ore., Damian Lillard had 23 points and the Trail Blazers salvaged the second half of back-to-back games between division rivals.

Utah beat Portland 86-77 on Friday night in Salt Lake City.

J.J. Hickson added 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who have won four of their last six after a season-high six-game

points and 14 rebounds, and the losing streak. Nicolas Batum had 12 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists.

> Randy Foye scored 23 points for the Jazz, who led by as many as 10 points in the third quarter.

The Blazers led 88-83 on Nolan Smith's reverse layup with 4:59 left in the game. He added a 3-pointer that made it 93-87 and Portland held off the Jazz the rest of the way.

### Warriors 113, Suns 93

In Oakland, Calif., Stephen Curry returned after missing two games with an ankle injury and scored 19 of his 29 points in the second half, leading Golden State to its fourth consecutive

Harrison Barnes matched his season high with 21 points for the Warriors, who have won seven of nine overall. David Lee had 16 points and 12 rebounds, Klay Thompson added 17 points and Andrew Bogut finished with 11.

Curry, who twisted his right ankle in the third quarter of Monday night's win over Toronto, was 6 for 10 from 3-point range as Golden State beat Phoenix for the fourth straight time.

Michael Beasley scored 24 points for the Suns, who have dropped four of five. Jared Dudley added 16 points.

## Timberwolves 115, **Hornets 86**

In Minneapolis, Dante Cunningham scored a season-high 18 points, Nikola Pekovic added 14 and Minnesota snapped a sixgame losing streak.

Cunningham hit all nine of his shots to set a franchise record for most consecutive field goals without a miss.

Anthony Davis scored 18 points for the Hornets, who played without Eric Gordon and finished their five-game road trip with four straight losses. Team doctors still haven't cleared Gordon to play in backto-back games while recovering from knee surgery.

A night after committing 22 turnovers, New Orleans turned it over 23 times against the Wolves, who recorded their largest victory margin this season.

## **Bucks 107, Magic 98**

In Milwaukee, Monta Ellis had 21 points and 11 assists as the Bucks handed the Magic their ninth straight loss.

Brandon Jennings scored 20 points and Larry Sanders had 17 points, 13 rebounds and six blocked shots for Milwaukee. Ersan Ilyasova added 16 points and eight rebounds.

Nikola Vucevic had 20 points, 12 rebounds and six assists for Orlando, and Maurice Harkless had 19 points and 14 rebounds.

The Bucks scored more than 100 points after failing to crack 90 in their two previous games, scoring 86 against New York on Friday, and 88 versus Chicago on Wednesday.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—LeBron James wants to win as many championships as he can. When it comes to the titles dictated by money, he's not that interested.

The Miami Heat star says he's not worried about being the NBA's highest-paid player.

"It doesn't matter to me being the highest-paid player in the league," James said. "I think my value shows on the floor."

He added: "If this was baseball, it (the salary) would be up, I mean way up there."

James spoke following the team's afternoon shootaround in Indianapolis leading to Friday night's Heat-Pacers game.

Initially, the questions were about whether the league's collective bargaining agreement would allow other teams to build the same way Miami did, by signing three big-name

James was the top prize on the free-agent market in 2010 but acknowledged he took less money to play with Miami and pursue NBA championships with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

James and Bosh each reportedly signed six-year deals worth \$110 million. Wade's deal was for six years and \$107 million. Each deal was under the NBA's maximum contract.

The Heat won the title last season, and all three Miami stars can opt out of their con- years, to Toronto.

tracts next year. There has been speculation that the Cavaliers, James' former team, might be interested in signing him, as would the Los Angeles Lakers.

But under terms of the new collective bargaining agreement, which begins to be implemented in earnest next season, teams will be penalized more harshly for exceeding the salary cap than they were in the past, and repeat offenders will have it even worse.

It's already making an im-

The new economic structure has already led to some significant personnel decisions. Oklahoma City decided to break up a core that had taken the Thunder to the NBA Finals the previous summer when they chose to ship James Harden to Houston just before the season rather than sign him to a contract extension that would have subjected the team to the more punitive luxury tax.

In the past two weeks the Memphis Grizzlies, who were considered to be legitimate challengers to the Thunder in the West, traded valuable bench player Marreese Speights and two other players to Cleveland for Jon Leuer in a salary dump, then sent leading scorer Rudy Gay, who is making \$16.5 million this season with \$37 million more over the next two

The move helped get the Grizzlies under the cap for next season, but left coach Lionel Hollins wondering if they still had enough to compete in the powerful Western Conference.

"When you have champagne taste, you can't be on a beer budget," Hollins said, before going on to say he understands the challenges new Memphis owner Robert Pera faces in one of the NBA's smaller markets.

So when James was asked whether it was right that the league's reigning MVP was not its highest-paid player, he just smiled. He later said money will not dictate his plans.

"I've not had a max contract yet, it's a story that's been untold," he said. "I don't get (credit) for it. But that doesn't matter to me. Playing the game matters to me."

Few players, even those earning more money, have a stronger resume than James.

He was the youngest player in league history to be chosen the NBA's rookie of the year, the youngest to be the All-Star Game MVP and in January became the youngest player to top 20,000 points.

At 28, James is nowhere close to slowing down, either.

Last year, James won his third MVP award, his first NBA title, was a unanimous choice as NBA Finals MVP and earned his second Olympic

So the money issue seems to pale in comparison, especially given that James has been able to supplement his income off the court. "It's not all about money. It's

about winning. I know that and I don't mind," James said. "It doesn't bother me because I'm OK, I'm financially stable and my family is OK."

The small markets may not be the only ones that have to swallow hard and watch some big stars walk away. The new deal was designed in part to level the playing field and try to discourage teams in big markets or glitzy locales from hoarding all the talent.

Even the mighty Lakers have expressed concerns about their bloated payroll going forward. That means the era of the super team could be coming to an end, unless players such as James decide to take less monev to make it easier on a front office to lure more prime talent.

Of course, it still may not matter for several deep-pocketed owners, including Brooklyn's Mikhail Prokhorov and New York's James Dolan.

The Buss family in Los Angeles may also find the allure of championship chasing hard to resist and use revenues from a mammoth new television deal to help offset the major tax penalties they could incur.

# James not worried about being top-paid player

# Foursome sample round of golf at Rota Resort



At the invitation of Tony Pelligrino of Arctic Circle Airlines, a group of four

golfers were offered a roundtrip ticket to Rota where they played golf and sampled the hospitality of the Rota Resort staff and facilities. They took the 7:30am charter flight to Rota from Saipan and returned on

From left, Saipan Chamber of Commerce executive director Richard Pierce. Pacific Airport Services' Bob Hudkins, Safety 1st Systems, James "Adam" Lee, and 360 Restaurant's John Jones pose for a photo after their 18 holes of golf at Rota Resort.



# Hall of Famers invited to NMASA awards



Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association is inviting members of the

CNMI Sports Hall of Fame or a representative of a deceased inductee to the elite class to attend the 2012 NMASA Annual Sports

The annual awards ceremony will be held on Feb. 13 at Kanoa Resort, starting at 6pm.

Swimming's Bill and Jean Sakovich and Mike Villlagomez and baseball's Tony Rogolifoi were the first members of the prestigious group as they were inducted in 2004. Other inductees were the late Irene Alpet, Tony Satur, Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios, Kurt Barnes, Cecilia Lisua, Jose Tenorio Sablan, Ricardo Duenas, Antonio Benavente, Jess Wabol, Frank Castro, Jeff Race, Tino Olopai, and Ben Saures.

Besides the members of the CNMI Hall of Fame, the NMA-

SA Banquet is also open to the top athletes (adult and student male and female) from January to December 2012, officials of the various NMASA members and sponsors of the local sports groups in the CNMI.

In next week's ceremony, NMASA will hand awards to the 2012 Male and Female Athletes of the Year and the NMA-SA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Student Athlete of the Year. The group will also recognize the Coach of the Year and Sports Administrator of the Year.

Winners of these coveted awards were selected last month during the NMASA's first meeting for the 2013 season. All the monthly awardees for 2012 were automatically nominated for the season-ending plums. Non-monthly winners were also allowed in the selection, provided they were nominated by NMASA members. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

season opens on Monday during seasons like this one

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SML 2013



The Saipan Major League Baseball Association's 2013 season is set

to open this coming Monday, Feb. 11, at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Six teams make up this year's field, which includes reigning champion Saipan Stevedore

Co.-Northern Yankees, who will take on the Tan Holdings Brewers in a 2012 finals rematch on opening night at

The other four teams include the St. Michaels Medical Response Angels, the IT&E Fielders, the D-9ers, and the Ol'Aces.

Games will take place nightly on Tan Ko Field on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:30pm.

This year, league organizers have opened up the option for teams to use either wooden or metal bats, however next season will be restricted to wooden bats only to help CNMI players prepare for the 2014 Micronesian Games.

Lost costs of equipment mainly due to broken bats—is the chief reason for the rule alteration; Guam and Palau have also made the switch recently

where there are no off-island tournaments.

The SML is also permitting local Little League players, ages 17 and above, to participate as position players during the season. Pitching will be prohibited.

Players who are at least 17, or turning 17 during the SML season, are eligible to suit up.

For more information, contact SML acting president Rose Igitol at 288-5426.

# **MANTA RAYS**

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Jaymark De Guzman took the reins from Aranda in the second period and dropped 17 points as the Ayuyus suffered a meltdown prior to the midpoint of the game.

De Guzman topped off his spurt with a trio of 3-pointers late in the period, which left his Manta Rays with a insurmountable 71-29 separation at the half.

Jason Lampkin and Anthony Malwelbug combined for the bulk of KHS' offense through the first two frames with 21 points.

SSHS trudged forward, 97-47, heading into the final 10 minutes as Aranda added 8 points to complement the 9 by power forward Emerson Feria as it was all SSHS in the last

KHS' Jesse Santos air-mailed four long range bombs, but they hardly put a dent in the deficit.

SSHS' De Guzman, Aranda. and Feria lit it up with 30, 27, and 26 points, respectively,

dwarfing KHS' Lampkin, Santos, and Malwelbug's double digit outputs of 18, 16, and 14.

In the junior varsity match, the Manta Rays held an early 13-11 advantage in the opening period as shooting guard Tyler Palacios anchored the group with 8 points.

Then both teams tightened up on defense, but SSHS managed to stretch it to a 21-17 favor at halftime and the team turned it up after the pause, as Palacios added 6 points to lead a third quarter charge that put them ahead, 33-25, heading into the closing period.

Tempers flared in the fourth quarter as things fell apart for the Jr. Ayuyus and the last seconds of regulation were simply run off the clock with no one on the floor.

KHS had no chance to muster a comeback at that point and it was apparently the Ayuyus' coaching staff who suggested the early close. SSHS' James Kintaro led the Jr. Manta Rays in the fourth quarter with a handful of markers.

Palacios led all scorers with 20 points, outscoring KHS' top duo of Melvin Sakisat and Bret Halstead who tallied 9 points

In the freshmen match, KHS' Michael Muna held the hot hand out of the gate with 6 points complemented by a trey from Doming Faisao that gave the Ayuyus a 9-8 advantage in the first period, but SSHS regrouped in the second and received output from six different players for a 21-15 lead at intermission.

Muna was held to just one bucket in the second quarter, but scrambled for a handful in the third to help bring KHS to within a possession, 25-28, heading into crunch time.

SSHS was stuffed to just 7 points in the third verse and only mustered 6 down the homestretch, but managed to match its opponents more or less to hang on for the win.

Mii Tekopua led a diverse group SSHS scorers with 10 points, while KHS' Muna topped the box score from the short end with 17.

# **Varsity**

SSHS 125 – De Guzman 30, Aranda 27, Feria 26, Salem 13, Alegre 12, Andrews 8, Javier III 4, Mariano 4, Villanueva 2.

KHS 70 - Lampkin 18, Je Santos 16, Malwelbug 14, Jo Santos 10, Nawaz 4, Polino 4, A Santos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 31-14, 71-29, 97-47, 125-70.

## **Junior Varsity**

SSHS 47 – Palacios 20, Ferrer 6, Kintaro 5, Raquepo 5, Reyes 5, Acopaido 2, Castro 2.

KHS 36 - Sakisat 10, Halstead 9, Evangelista 6, Taitano 3, Racadio 2, Muna 2, Salas 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-11, 21-17, 33-25, 47-36.

# Freshmen

SSHS 34 - Tekopua 10, Borromeo 6, Esmundo 6, Flores 4, Sagun 4, Santo Domingo 2, Villafruerte 2.

KHS 30 - Muna 17, Taitano 5, Faisao 3, Retan 3, Ada 2.

Scoring by quarters: 8-9, 21-15, 28-25, 34-30.

the same plane at 5pm.

The Rota Resort Charter Flight service, operated by Arctic Circle Airlines, will be considering packaging flights with rounds of golf at the Rota Resort Golf Club and overnight stays at the Rota Resort Hotel, and the foursome of golfers were asked to sample the package for their impressions.

The four golfers are all affiliated with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. John Jones of 360 Restaurant in Susupe's Marianas Business Plaza, James "Adam" Lee of Safety 1st Systems, Bob Hudkins of Pacific Airport Services, and Richard Pierce, executive director for the Chamber.

Although it was a blustery day, the plane ride of 30 minutes over to Rota was smooth sailing according to the golfers. The plane, which is equipped to carry eight passengers and cargo, touched down on Rota at 8am where the Rota Resort guest services van was ready to transport the foursome directly to the course.

The Rota Resort Golf Club

18-hole golf course, in tandem with Arctic Circle Airlines, offers the entire day to golfers from Saipan, Guam, and other destinations. The course, built in 1996, is in excellent condition. The foursome played from the tips that measured a full 7,128 yards. The sand traps and greens were well maintained, and the long course challenging in the strong trade winds this time of

The foursome really enjoyed the change of venue, according to Chamber executive director Pierce. "It's amazing the condition of the course, almost the same as it was the first time I played it in 1997, and getting there from Saipan was a snap with Arctic Circle. No waiting, no hassle, no TSA from Saipan," said Pierce.

Lee bested the day's play with a 76, Pierce shot an 82, Jones stroked an 89, and Bob Hudkins finished with a score of 102. Lee and Jones thanked Pierce for the round arranged through Pellegrino and Mr. Cho from Rota Resort. Hudkins didn't talk much after the 102.

# GUALO RAI

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blocked Usi's shot. Usi then collared the rebound off his own miss and went for a reverse layup, and faltered anew, as this time Cayading was on top of the play to defend him. Maplas had its third chance on dropping the game-winning basket, but Morales' bank shot went off the mark as time expired.

Besides making the assists and the big block, Factor also top-scored for Gualo Rai with his 18 markers. John Capuyon Jr. chipped in 15, while Rainier Deleon Guerrero and Marlo Ibanez combined for 16.

Usi paced Maplas with his game-high 21 markers, while Cortez and Morales added 16 and 13, respectively. Cortez made back-to-back baskets in the final one minute of the match to keep Maplas afloat, 63-64, while Morales' shot off the inbound play put their team ahead, 65-64, with 27.4 seconds left, but their efforts were nullified with Factor and Espinosa teaming up on offense on the other end.

### Adobo 75, **ICS Shooters 70**

Meanwhile, in the first game last Friday, Adobo edged the ICS Shooters.

Adobo improved to a clean 3-0 record to lead the nineteam field, while the ICS Shooters absorbed its second loss in three games.

Friday's curtain-raiser was also a close match with Adobo prevailing after making three free throws and two field goals in the homestretch.

Genesis Mamaril, Lester Vertudez, and Mike Saturno deliv-

ered the key baskets for Adobo in the fourth quarter, as the trio combined for 14 of the team's 22 markers in the final canto. Mamaril went on to top-score for Adobo with his 15 points, Vertudez contributed 14, and Saturno logged 11.

Among the three, only Mamaril scored for Adobo in the first period, which ended with the ICS Shooters taking the lead, 18-13.

Vertudez and Saturno then started hitting their shots in the second canto to put Adobo on top at halftime, 34-31, and the duo teamed up with Mamaril in the second half to foil the ICS Shooters' repeated comeback bids.

Meanwhile, last Friday's second match between Susupe and Maplas was rained out after the third period. The game resumed last Saturday before the second match between Susupe and Chinatown. Results of both matches will be reported in Saipan *Tribune*'s Tuesday edition.

# **FRIDAY**

Adobo 75 – Mamaril 15, Vertudez 14, Saturno 11, Deleon Guerrero 8, Yap 7, Dela Cruz 6, Tadifa 3, Orejola 2, Alegre 2.

ICS Shooters 70 – Espinosa 17, Guntar 10, E. Lansang 9, Mallari 9, David 6, R. Lansang 4, Corotan 3, Enriquez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-18, 34-31, 53-46, 75-70.

## **SATURDAY**

Gualo Rai 66 - Factor 18, Capuyon 15, Ibanez 8, Deleon Guerrero 8, Galulu 7, Espinosa 4, Cayading 3, Yap 2.

Maplas La Mane 65 – M. Usi 21, Cortez 16, Morales 13, Anicete 4, Odicta 4, Flores 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-14, 34-28, 46-46, 66-65.

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# Weekend Sports

he 8th Saipan Swim Club Annual Meek & Mighty Ocean Swim and the 6th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run were the biggest winners in last week's competitions around the island, as they both drew more than 80 participants.

The SSC swim in the waters off the Pacific Islands Club lured 86 swimmers, while the Coffee Trail, which brought runners to the northern part of the island, featured 89 participants.

The Coffee Trail had 10K and 15K races with Paul Viator and Amy Sletten leading the over-

# Bigger turnouts in swim, run races

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

all male and female finishers in the shorter course and Nicholas Matindale and Soledad Tenorio ruling the longer run.

In the SSC swim, Tsunami Saipan Swim Club's Ryuto and Hiroto Yanai topped the Meek (one lap) and Tweeny (three laps) divisions, while Kensuke Kimura reigned supreme in the Mighty category (five laps). The host's Milan Goodwin prevailed

in the Minnow race (200m).

Meanwhile, other ongoing tournaments/leagues on Saipan continued last week.

In the MISO boys basketball, Saipan Southern High School improved to a 3-0 record in the varsity division, while Marianas High School remained undefeated in the junior varsity and freshmen categories.

Still in MISO, Grace Chris-

tian Academy nailed its ninth straight win in the girls volleyball to remain on top of the eight-team field. The Saipan International School's Green Lady Geckos and Marianas High School's Lady Blue Dolphins are close behind with their similar 7-2 records.

In the DLX/Anchor Strong caging, the league continued with its regular season games in Division B and featured downto-the-wire matches.

Still in basketball, the QQ Cup was down to two teams with Blue Haus and Lions Club/ NMC Proa beating OCM and KFC/Taco Bell in the semis, respectively. The finals is a bestof-three series with Blue Haus drawing first blood, following a 76-75 win in Game 1. Game 2 was played last Saturday, but was rained-out with Blue Haus ahead by 8 points with less than two minutes left in the match.

In golf, the various associations on Saipan held their January Ace with Sherlyn Jones winning in the Amigo Golf Club event, Soo Kim prevailing in the X-clusive Golfer's Association, and Tony Benavente ruling the Marianas Golf Association competition.

In bowling, Yho Villavicencio, Raymond Zapanta, and John Taisacan also recorded their first victory of the season after downing separate foes in the Saipan Bowling Association/Budweiser January roll-offs.



Servitek's Mican Bintz drives against an ICS Shooters defender during their game in Division B of the DLX/Anchor Strong caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO Runners hold hands as they are about to cross the finish line in last week's 6th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run at the American Memo-



January King of the Lanes Raymond Zapanta is flanked by runners-up Simon Manacop, right, and Robert Talavera during the awards ceremony for the SBA January tournament last week at the Capital Bowling Center.

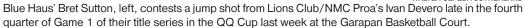


A male runner nears completion of the 10K race in the 6th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run



January Prince of the Lanes John Taisacan, left, poses with runner-up Marcel McKenzie during the awards ceremony for the SBA January tournament last week at the Capital Bowling Center.







Swimmers get out of the water during last week's 8th Saipan Swim Club Annual Meek & Mighty Ocean



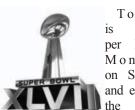


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# **RAVENS OR 49ERS?**

# Saipan prognosticators make their pick

ill Ravens legendary linebacker Ray Lewis ride into the sunset with a second Super Bowl ring or will the 49ers equal the Steelers' record of six Lombardi trophies?



Today Super Bowl Monday on Saipan and expect gov-

ernment and private sectors to record their highest rate of employee absenteeism-excused or not-on this day.

Despite the still struggling local economy, Super Bowl parties from Achugao to San Antonio are expected to be packed, while Ravens and 49ers fans decked with their teams' colors and paraphernalia—troop to their favorite watering holes and hangouts to watch the big game.

Saipan Tribune quizzed their favorite prognosticators below on their takes on this morning's Super Bowl. Here are their long and short answers:

I've been waiting years for the 'Niners to get back in the Super Bowl. Us Niner fans were so patient, even during the hard times



of the early 2000s. But it's all going to pay off Monday. My favorite player is Joe Staley, left tackle...

that's my position. On plays I watch the O-line move, then I watch the rest of the players. The 'Niners O-line is the best in the league. Look, if the 'Niners lose, I'd rather it be to the Ravens who I also like...than the Patriots. There are a lot of 'Niner fans like me that also like the Ravens like my buddies Kelvin Fitial and Keith Nabors in Tinian, so in the end... it should all work out with no hard feelings. But we still pull for the red and gold! WHO GOT IT BET-TER THAN US? Nobody.

Ed Arriola Jr. Tan Siu Lin Foundation

I'm predicting that the Baltimore



win by 10. The Ravens have been so hungry to win another Super Bowl and Ray Lewis

is retiring so I'm rooting for a Baltimore win against the 49ers. Look what they did against the New England Patriots. The Ravens have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

**Tina Palacios** Power 99 general manager



I'm picking the 'Niners. Baltimore's defense can't stop San Francisco all day, and Baltimore's

offense just can't keep up with San Francisco's.

**Michael White** NMASA president



Will take the 49ers since we lived in SF and were raised going to their games in

They are my team. But it should be a close game.

**Bill Sakovich** CNMI Sports Hall of Famer



49ers! I want Mike Iupati to get a ring.

Savali Talalemotu Portland State Uni-

versity defensive end



weight champion

49ers... because of Randy Moss, 'nuff said!

Kelvin Fital Former PXC heavy-



going to be a close battle, but SF will find way to win in the end.

**Gabriel White** 

FIBA international referee

# Manta Rays grill Ayuyus thrice

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND



Saipan Southern High School swept Kagman

High School in Friday's Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen boys basketball triple feature at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Manta Rays varsity team stamped an exclamation point on the night with a booming 125-70 victory against Kagman's senior team. This came after its freshmen and junior squads survived the opening and second features, 34-30, and, 47-36, respectively.

The undefeated SSHS varsity capped its fourth straight win and leads the MHS Dolphins (3-1) by a game, while KHS dipped to an even slate of 2-2.

The Eucon International



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays' Emerson Feria slashes through the middle of the lane during Friday's MISO varsity boys basketball matchup against the Kagman High School Ayuyus at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

School Blazers (1-3) and the Mount Carmel School Knights' complete the varsity field.

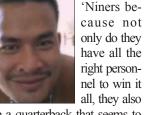
Meanwhile, SSHS' Jr. Manta Rays are now tied with its KHS rivals and Agape Christian School's Torchbearers who all sit at behind unbeaten MHS (4-0) at 2-2. Saipan International School's Jr. Geckos complete the field.

The freshmen Mantas surpassed KHS (1-2) in the standings by improving to 1-1 with MHS, at 2-0, sitting in the driver's seat over the three-

The season continues at the MHS Gym today at 4pm with a junior division face-off between MHS and Agape followed by the varsity match featuring the Dolphins against the Blazers at 5:30pm.

In the varsity game, the Manta Rays got right to work and darted off to a 31-14 lead in the first quarter, as Jack Aranda erupted for 10 markers.

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have a quarterback that seems to have what it takes to perform in big games and won't be bothered that its the biggest game in all of football. I've been a 'Niners fan since I can remember my dad watching Joe [Montana] and Jerry [Rice] win their rings in the late '80s.

**Dave Sablan** Former Hoopaholics player



I'm picking the Ravens. I picked them to lose to both Denver and New Eng-

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land, but they proved all their doubters wrong. I'm jumping on the bandwagon and am pulling for, big brother John "Kazu" Harbaugh.

John Blanco Commonwealth Football League founder

# Gualo Rai notches second straight win



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Gualo Rai started a winning run in Division B of

the 2013 DLX/Anchor Strong Invitational Basketball League after eking out a 66-65 victory over Maplas La Mane last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

The triumph was the second in a row for Gualo Rai, which dropped its debut with a heartbreaking loss to Adobo on Jan. 23, 69-70. Gualo Rai, which got its first win over Servitek, 67-57, fell to Adobo after failing to orchestrate a play in the last five seconds of the close match.

Versus Maplas La Mane,

this time Gualo Rai delivered under pressure, drilling the goahead basket and then making defensive stops to hand the former its debut loss.

Mike Espinosa nailed the winning shot off Prince Factor's assist. The important play started with Factor driving to the right baseline and attracting Maplas La Mane defenders before dishing out the ball to a cutting Espinosa.

Maplas La Mane then sued for time with 7.8 second left on the clock and Gualo Rai ahead, 66-65. When the game resumed, Dennis Cortez made the inbound pass to Mico Usi, who drove to the left wing, eluding Gualo Rai's Justine Cayading. However, Factor provided help defense and

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